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East Bay voters get full plate of choices

Kara Shire
STAFF WRITER

There are city council seats to be won and a handful of tax measures on which to say yea or nay.

With more than 100 races on the ballot in Contra Costa and Alameda counties this November, election season 2002 is shaping up to be a busy time for voters.

Albany and El Cerrito, voters will decide the make-up of city councils. Those who live in the Albany, Berkeley and El Cerrito school districts will have a chance to pick representatives from a pool that includes plenty of incumbents and newcomers.

In Albany and Richmond, a number of measures qualified for the ballot.

Local races are listed below:

Candidates

City Council, two seats. Robert J. Fard Javand and Allan Maris (incumbent).

City Attorney, one seat. Robert J. Fard Javand (incumbent).

Unified School District board, three seats. Michael Barnes, David Farber (incumbent), Owen H. Jones, Jim Moradi (incumbent), Sherri Moradi (incumbent), Miriam Walden (incumbent).

City Council, two seats. Kathleen A. Alabon (incumbent), Kathleen A. Alabon (incumbent) and Sandi Potter, a writing commissioner.

Fire Protection District, three seats. Janice Kosel (incumbent) and Nina Harmon Ramon (incumbent).

Fire Protection District, three seats. Leslie W. (incumbent).

Police Protection and Community Services District, three seats. Patricia Laughlin (incumbent), Bruce Moradi (incumbent) and Clara Wood (incumbent).

Community College District, three seats. Berkeley, Oakland, Alameda, District 3, District 4, District 5, District 6, District 7, downtown Oakland, Alameda Clifton (incumbent) and John Hickman (incumbent).

Sanitary District board, three seats. Douglas Bruce (incumbent), Douglas Bruce (incumbent) and Alan (incumbent).

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DAISY WILLIAMS and Doug Palmer chat while browsing books at the El Cerrito Recycling Center on Wednesday.

Cerritans swap recyclables

El Cerrito's Recycling Center has winning formula

By Martin Snapp
CORRESPONDENT

EL CERRITO — "Wow!" said Jacqueline Wade, a junior at UC-Berkeley. "Look at this! The whole Great Books series!"

Stuffing volume after volume into her backpack, she explained, "I can use them for my courses. Look, here's Aeschylus. I'll be reading him in a pre-law course I'm taking next spring."

Meanwhile, 5-year-old Vanessa Bridges was loading up on books about horses, dogs and baby animals, with a little help from her dad, Gary.

Nearby, 11-year-old Celeste Tannenbaum and her 9-year old brother Owen selected a jigsaw puzzle titled "The Glenmore Haunting."

Celeste and Owen, who live in Davenport, Iowa, are here visiting their grandparents, Peter and Rosemary Loubal. And one of the first places Grandpa took them was the Recycling Center,



BELINDA FOLDAND, of El Cerrito passes donations to Recycling Center attendant Roberto Arcallana on Wednesday.

which Owen deemed "neat." Nelson Goldman and his wife, Marilyn, were sorting through old magazines, finally settling on Harper's, Archaeology, and The New Republic.

"We used to subscribe to them," Marilyn explained. "But then we realized we could get

them here for free. Maybe a month or two late, but free."

Yes, free. Celeste and Owen's jigsaw puzzle was also free. So were Vanessa's animal books and Jacqueline's Great Books series. This is a free book exchange, a win-win project where you can recycle your used books

RECYCLING CENTER

The El Cerrito Recycling Center is located at 7501 Schmidt Lane. It is open 7 days a week: 8 a.m. to 5:45 p.m. Mondays through Fridays, 9 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. on weekends. For more information, call 510-215-4350.

for others to read.

But this isn't a bookstore; it's part of the El Cerrito Recycling Center, one of those places that makes this city unique. Every day, the Recycling Center hosts more than 400 visitors, and a recent survey found a majority of El Cerritans visit there at least once a month, including Peter Loubal, who confesses that he visits regularly "whether I have anything to recycle or not."

Why? The Recycling Center also runs a robust curbside collection program to both homes and businesses. So why do so many people take the trouble to drive to the top of Schmidt Lane

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Schools plan to test breath

By Kara Shire
TIMES STAFF WRITER

ALBANY — With hardly a whimper of opposition, the Albany school board decided this week to give Breathalyzer tests to students suspected of being under the influence.

The alcohol-detecting breath tests could begin as early as this fall for teens at voluntary school events, such as football games or homecoming activities, who smell of alcohol, exhibit unusual behavior or are said to be intoxicated.

The hand-held Breathalyzers will be used at Albany High School events this fall and could eventually be used at middle school functions as well.

Similar plans have elicited parental outrage in other school districts, but Albany's plan passed unanimously Tuesday night after little public dissent.

"What I'm gathering, and this is second-hand, is that it didn't occasion a lot of concern," said school board President David Farrell.

Which is not to say no one was paying attention.

The Breathalyzer plan provided fodder for Albany school e-mail trees and was a largely unpopular topic at a recent high school PTA gathering. A few parents even spoke on the topic at prior board meetings.

The overall consensus: Breath tests don't address the larger issues of drug and alcohol use among teens. On that note Farrell agreed.

"This doesn't solve our problem," he said. "We have to move beyond this and take the problem more seriously."

Both PTA and school district officials are planning to do just that, with a number of public forums on the perennial problem of teen drinking being planned for the upcoming school year.

Superintendent William Wong is also taking a look at the district's curriculum to see that prevention is part of the classroom dialogue.

In the end, school board members said they approved the Breathalyzer plan because students, teachers and school administrators asked for it.

"We're all in the mode of wanting to support our administration," said school board member Marsha Skinner. "There have been some alcohol-related problems, and they have come to us and said we believe this will help us do our job."

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Programs prepare for big quakes

By Martin Snapp
CORRESPONDENT

The Big One is coming. And coming sooner, not later. Seismologists say an earthquake bigger than the killer 1989 Loma Prieta quake could strike at any time. But this time, they think, the center won't be in sparsely populated Santa Cruz County; it'll be right in our back yard.

That's the bad news. The good news is that ever since the 1906 San Francisco earthquake, local and regional governments have been working to put programs in place to help us survive the next one.

In Albany, the program is the short for Earthquake Preparedness Program. In Berkeley,

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EL CERRITO FIREFIGHTER Tim Palmer supervises participants in a fire-extinguishing drill at a recent Neighborhood Emergency Assistant Team training course.

Map shows where quake could trigger landslides

TIMES STAFF

Large sections of Albany and Berkeley may see intense shaking and even landslides in a large earthquake.

New maps released by the California Geological Survey Wednesday shows northern Alameda County has several landslide-prone areas as well as soils that would not stand up in an earthquake of magnitude 6 or larger.

The maps identify areas that might liquefy during an earthquake's shaking, which can crack buildings and burst buried pipelines. It also points out landslide-prone slopes.

In Albany, the unstable area includes the Golden Gate Fields area east to San Pablo Avenue and the Albany Hill area.

It extends toward the hills through the Thousand Oaks area into the Grizzly Peak region, in-

cluding the territory from Cedar Street north to near Solano Avenue.

In Berkeley, landslide zones have been identified in the Berkeley hills from the UC Berkeley campus to a wide region between Skyline Blvd. and the MacArthur Freeway. Liquefaction maps show weak areas in the shoreline of Berkeley.

While the maps are preliminary, they are available to the public. Once they are finalized, the maps will guide requirements that builders, planners and home owners must disclose the hazard and build accordingly.

People can buy black and white copies from BPS Reprographic Services at 415-495-8700. Color copies can be purchased from the California Geological Survey at 415-904-7707 or 916-445-5716. They also can be viewed on the Web at <http://gmw.consvr.ca.gov/shmp>.

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Albany

Eastshore project opening to traffic

The Eastshore Highway/Buchanan Street interconnection project, which began in June 2001, was scheduled to open at 1 p.m. Thursday.

The project improves Eastshore Highway by elevating the roadway on fill, with a retaining wall, at 1001 Eastshore, to a bridge structure that meets Buchanan Street.

The project provides access to the businesses on Eastshore Highway from Buchanan Street, adds a connecting frontage road adjacent to Interstate 80 as a traffic congestion relief route, and completes a bicycle/pedestrian path from Buchanan Street to Eastshore Highway with a connection at Gilman Street.

The project is funded by \$4.26 million of federal and state transportation funds, with the city's Reinvestment Agency providing \$605,000 in matching funds.

A \$15,000 grant from Transportation for Clean Air funded the construction of the bicycle/pedestrian path.

Albany

Fine time for a community clean-up

A community clean-up day has been scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 17, sponsored by the Albany Chamber of Commerce. Grab a bucket, brush, broom and friends and loved ones and gather at 10 a.m. Clean-up crews will meet in front of the Albany Chamber of Commerce, 1108 Solano Ave., form teams and spread out around town to scrub, sweep and polish. Information: 510-525-1771.

Berkeley

Coffee measure qualifies for ballot

A controversial proposal to restrict all brewed coffee sales here to organic, shade-grown or Fair Trade certified java has qualified for the November ballot.

The measure, introduced by local attorney Rick Young, qualified with 2,349 signatures. It needed 2,044 valid names.

If the proposal is approved by voters, city coffee retailers would have three months to comply.

Businesses that do not comply could face a \$100 fine, six months in jail or both.

Critics blasted the proposal as a poorly-written law that "denies consumers their freedom of choice."

CORRECTION

An item in the Aug. 9 Albany police log contained incorrect information. The Albany man in the item was arrested on suspicion of two counts of battery and filing a false police report, as well as kidnapping, assault with a deadly weapon and felony false detention. The Alameda County district attorney decided not to pursue charges against him.

In his defense, Young has said the measure strives to protect the environment while ensuring that the farmers who produce the coffee receive a fair price for their harvest.

Albany

Author Reibel to speak at center

El Cerrito author and therapist Linda Reibel will discuss her book "Eating to Save the Earth: Food Choices for a Healthy Planet," at 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 9, at Albany Community Center, 1249 Marin.

The book takes a positive, non-judgmental approach to choosing food that can make a difference in reducing pesticides and fossil fuel use, among other things. The talk is sponsored by Friends of Five Creeks. For information contact 510-848-9358 or e-mail f5creeks@aol.com, or see www.fivecreeks.org.

Richmond

Thrown rock breaks Amtrak train glass

Two windows were broken on an Amtrak Capitol Corridor train Saturday evening, the apparent result of someone throwing stones.

No one was injured. The train was traveling south from Sacramento to San Jose when it was hit north of the Richmond station at about 7:30 p.m., Amtrak spokeswoman Vernae Graham said.

The train was delayed for four minutes in Emeryville as workers assessed the damage. The windows were replaced in San Jose, Graham said.

The incident prompted erroneous reports the train may have been hit by gunfire, but the inspection quickly revealed the damage resulted not from bullets but from stones, Graham said.

Albany

City earns award for accounting

The Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada has awarded its certificate of achievement for excellence in financial reporting to Albany.

The certificate is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting. It was presented to Charles A. Adams, the city's finance and administrative services director.

— Wire and staff reports

EL CERRITO POLICE

Thursday, Aug. 1

■ **THEFT** — A house-sitter on the 2300 block of Tamalpais left property unattended while loading a car; it was removed at about 4 p.m.

■ **AUTO BURGLARY** — Someone punched the lock of a '91 Toyota Camry parked on the 2000 block of Harper between 7 p.m. and 7 a.m. the next morning, searched the interior and trunk and removed about \$2,000 worth of property.

■ **ATTEMPTED AUTO BURGLARY** — Property was taken from an unlocked vehicle on the 7500 block of Schmidt Lane between 3:15 and 3:35 p.m.

■ **AUTO THEFT** — A 1989, light-blue, four-door Honda Civic was stolen from the Target lot some time between 10:30 a.m. and 9 p.m.

Sunday, Aug. 4

■ **THEFT** — Two people took a weed-eater from an open garage on the 5700 block of Central Avenue at about 6:15 a.m.

■ **MOTORCYCLE RECOVERED** — An officer found a stolen '87 Yamaha behind a building on the 6300 block of Ohio; the bike was released to its owner at the scene. It had been reported stolen in Richmond.

■ **VEHICLE RECOVERED, STOLEN AGAIN, RECOVERED AGAIN** — A white '87 Toyota Camry station wagon reported stolen in Richmond was found by its owners at 9 p.m. driving into Jack-in-the-Box. The owners confronted the numerous juvenile occupants who fled the area before El Cerrito police were called. The vehicle was released to owner at scene. It was reported stolen again at about 1:20 a.m. the next day from the owner's residence, and recovered again after a short pursuit by Richmond police.

Monday, Aug. 5

■ **AUTO THEFT** — Someone took a red '97 Honda Accord from the 400 block of Liberty Street sometime between 11:30 a.m. and noon. The car was found, burning in the alley at 23rd Street and Grant Avenue, at

about 9:20 p.m. by Richmond police.

■ **AUTO THEFT** — Someone took a white '88 Honda Accord from the parking lot of Best Inn sometime between 6:50 and 10:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Aug. 6

■ **SHOPLIFTING** — Someone took dresses from a business on the 13400 block of San Pablo Avenue at about 1 p.m.

■ **BURGLARY** — A resident in the 100 block of Carmel was doing yard work at about 1:30 p.m. and, upon going back into the house, confronted a man entering his bedroom. The resident attempted to make a citizen's arrest; the suspect fled on foot. Police later arrested a 47-year-old Oakland man.

■ **ATTEMPTED AUTO THEFT** — Someone entered an '87 Chevrolet Camaro through an unlocked (previously damaged) passenger door in the 1300 block of Norvell at about 1:30 p.m. and attempted to hot-wire it, but failed.

■ **VEHICLE RECOVERED** — An officer found a stolen vehicle near Conlon Avenue and Kearney Street just after midnight. The '92 Honda Civic had been reported stolen in El Sobrante. There was a large amount of suspected stolen property in the trunk.

Wednesday, Aug. 7

■ **AUTO BURGLARY** — A '91 Honda Accord was targeted by someone who attempted to break in but fled when the alarm was activated, around 1:55 p.m. on the 1700 block of Manor Circle.

■ **AUTO THEFT** — Someone stole a black '79 Chevrolet El Camino from the 1500 block of Elm between 9 p.m. and 6:30 the next morning.

■ **VEHICLE RECOVERED** — A '90 Toyota Camry was found by an officer on the 1300 block of Elm at 10:27 a.m. It had been reported stolen in Oakland the day before.

■ **ATTEMPTED AUTO THEFT** — Someone entered a '93 Plymouth Voyager minivan on the 3000 block of Yolo and forced the ignition but did not take the vehicle.

— Journal staff

ALBANY POLICE

Tuesday, Aug. 6

■ **DISTURBANCE** — Albany officers responded to reports of a subject near Solano and Masonic avenues who was causing a disturbance. Officers contacted a 58-year-old man and found that he was on probation for disorderly conduct and there was a stay-away order on file for the 1100 and 1200 blocks of Solano Avenue. He was arrested for being drunk in public and violating the order. He was cited and transported to the Berkeley jail.

■ **TRANSIENT ARRESTED** — In the afternoon, Albany officers arrested a 31-year-old transient man on the 1000 block of Masonic Avenue when neighbors complained that he was sleeping in one of the rear yards. A check found that he was a registered sex offender. He was arrested, cited and released.

■ **THEFT** — Thieves stole equipment from the recreation room at the Albany Community Center. There were no witnesses.

Thursday, Aug. 8

■ **AUTO THEFT** — During the evening hours an Oakland man called because his blue '97 Honda Accord, that had been stolen from Oakland the week prior, was now sitting at the corner of Buchanan and Cerrito Streets. There were no sub-

jects near the vehicle.

■ **THEFT** — A caller from a video store on the 500 block of San Pablo Avenue reported that a subject, described as a tall African-American man wearing tan shorts and a black, long-sleeved shirt, had just grabbed some movies, pushed a clerk down and ran out of the store. He was gone when officers arrived.

■ **DISTURBANCE** — During the evening, an employee at a liquor store on the 800 block of San Pablo Avenue reported that a subject, described as an African-American woman with a ponytail, wearing a black jacket and blue jeans, had been yelling at a clerk. She picked up a bottle, threatened the clerk then threw the bottle at him, according to police. She fled in a black vehicle and was gone when officers arrived.

■ **AUTO THEFT** — A resident at 535 Pierce Street reported that she had parked her red '89 Toyota Camry in front of her complex and now it was missing. There were no witnesses.

Friday, Aug. 9

■ **OUTSTANDING WARRANTS** — Albany officers stopped a red Honda near San Pablo and Washington avenues for an expired registration. The driver, a 55-year-old Oakland man, was found to be driving with a suspended license and hand an out-



Grand marshals

LEADING THE PARADE for the 2002 Solano Avenue grand marshals Darren Bobrosky of the Berkeley Fire Department, left, with his search dog, Dylan, and Berkeley Chief of Police Darrell Stroll. Solano Stroll agreed, since the event takes place just before the start of Sept. 11, that community heroes should be honored served as Berkeley's police chief for 31 years, and Bobrosky Dylan spent 10 days working at Ground Zero in New York Sept. 11. The East Bay's oldest and largest street festival, held on Solano Avenue in Berkeley and Albany from 10 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 8.

concealed gun. He was taken to the Berkeley jail.

Monday, Aug. 12

■ **OUTSTANDING WARRANTS** — About 1:30 a.m., Albany officers stopped a '91 Honda near Solano and San Pablo Avenues to check its registration. A check found the license plate actually belonged to a black '82 Yamaha motorcycle. A 39-year-old San Pablo man claimed the Honda was his but not provide proof. A further check found that he had an outstanding warrant from Contra Costa County for driving with a suspended license. He was arrested, cited and transported to the Berkeley jail.

Summary

During the week of July 29 through August 12, Albany officers towed 10 cars, issued 10 false alarms, attended to 10 lost or deceased animals, five people who were looking for their houses or cars and one report of a barking dog in a domestic arena, officers issued 18 civil disturbances and 11 civil citations. Officers stopped 77 persons issuing 32 citations. Albany firefighters responded to two fires and eight medical emergencies.

Sunday, Aug. 11

■ **VANDALISM** — Two businesses on the 500 block of Cleveland Avenue were vandalized with graffiti over the weekend.

■ **ASSAULT** — At about 2:30 a.m. a woman reported that she had been attacked and yelled at by a man after leaving a bar on the 700 block of San Pablo Avenue and going to her car. Officers contacted the subject and arrested him for DUI and carrying a

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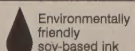
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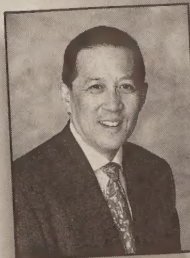


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of super professors and a Superpiano

WHO OF MY most memo-
rable college professors
died last month. The first
was Weiss, Yale's philoso-
phy residence, who taught a
called Introduction to

philosophy. Weiss invariably
was the first class of the
asking this question:
"Weiss, what's the Mona Lisa
and the Mona Lisa?"

"No, because Hitler
was a human being, and the
Mona Lisa is only a thing."

"There was more than 35
years ago. And I don't think a
has passed since when I
refrained that problem
mind, trying to concoct
argument that would con-

Prof. Weiss he's wrong.
"He was a pretty good
person, wasn't he?"

Another professor was
Lewis, the noted Edith
scholar. He was the
of my college, and a
man I've never met. I'm
miss him. I'm also go-

misses the stories he used to
tell his salad days in New
York when he roomed with Saul
and Ralph Ellison.

Ellison and Bellow
jealous of each other. Eli-
son was jealous because he had
a 20-year writer's block
and wrote "Invisible Man."

Bellow was effortlessly
going out masterpiece after
piece.

On the other hand,
because he was writ-
ing these books, but the crit-
ic saying "Invisible Man,"
better than any of them.

Which brings me to the local
was riding BART on
when I overheard two
earnestly discussing "In-
visible Man."

Two days later, I was sipping
my brother? cappuccino (de-



MARTIN SNAPP
Snapp Shots

caf with nonfat milk) at the Cafe
Roma in Elmwood, and the peo-
ple at the next table were also
talking about "Invisible Man."

It turned out to be a joint
project by the Berkeley Public
Library and the Berkeley Arts
Festival, which has been taking
place all week. They handed
out 500 copies of "Invisible
Man" and asked people to read
it, sign their name on the inside
cover, and then pass it on — ei-
ther giving it to a friend or
leaving it in a public place for
someone else to pick up. In ad-
dition, they've handed out hun-
dreds of "Invisible Man" lapel
buttons.

If you spot somebody wear-
ing one, it's a sign that he or she
is available to talk about "Invi-
sible Man." Sort of like the hand-
kerchief code in the Castro.

Another great Arts Festival
project that's been going on all
week is the classical music con-
cert series at the Wells Fargo
Annex at Shattuck and Center,
featuring some of the best pi-
anists in the Bay Area.

The final concert will be this
Sunday at 3 p.m., when pianist
Jerry Kuderna (of whom music
critic Milton Babbitt wrote,
"Jerry Kuderna is something
else. What that else is, I'm not
certain.") will play Beethoven's
Diabelli Variations.

But the real star of the show
is the instrument the pianists
are playing: Superpiano. That's
what I call it. It's a nine-foot
Fazioli concert grand, the great-
est piano ever made. It's com-
pletely handmade from the
finest materials on the planet.



STEVE MASLANKA/STAFF

BAY AREA PIANISTS Allan Crossman and Jerry Kuderna team up for a tough number on a \$135,000 Fazioli piano during a piano marathon at the Wells Fargo Annex on Sunday, Aug. 11 in Berkeley.

The wood for the sounding
board comes from the same
trees that Stradivarius used to
make his violins.

Only 50 are made every year,
and there are only five places in
the United States where you
can get one. The only site on
the West Coast is the Piedmont
Piano Co. in Oakland. I'm
tempted to call the Fazioli the
Rolls-Royce of pianos, but it's
actually more like a Ferrari.
(You can even get one in Ferrari
red if you want.) It's priced like
a Ferrari, too: \$135,000.

But the Arts Festival didn't
have to pay a penny; the Pied-
mont Piano Co. is lending it to
them for free. Never heard of
Fazioli? Neither had I. But
when you talk to concert pi-

anists such as Kuderna, Alfred
Brendel, Vladimir Ashkenazy,
Lazar Berman, Murray Perahia,
Richard Goode and Sarah
Cahill about what it's like to
play one, their eyes get misty
— like baseball fans talking
about Mickey Mantle or pot
smokers talking about Panama
Red. They've got Fazioli fever.

Could any piano really be
this good? I went to the Pied-
mont Piano Co. last week to
check out Superpiano for my-
self. My good luck: Kuderna
happened to be there at the
time. And he generously offered
to show me the difference.

First, he played some
Chopin — first on a Steinway,
then on a Bechstein, and finally

on a Bösendorfer. These are
among the best pianos in the
world, and the Chopin sounded
great on all of them.

But then he played the same
piece on the Fazioli, and it was
like the difference between nor-
mal and hi-fi on your stereo re-
ceiver. Each voice was so crystal
clear, it was like going from
vinyl to CD.

Let me try to put it another
way: Only once in my life have I
ever tasted a really, really expen-
sive bottle of wine. When I tasted
the first sip, I blurted, "This does-
n't taste like wine!" What I meant
was that it tasted like something
much better than wine.

The same with Superpiano.
It doesn't sound like a piano; it
sounds even better. I guess you

can tell by now: I've got Fazioli
fever, too. Hearing one, even
once, will do that to you.

After Sunday's concert, Su-
perpiano will return to the
Piedmont Piano Co. But you're
welcome to go there and hear it
for yourself. Owner Jim Calla-
han also lends it for free to se-
lect concert artists for their per-
formances.

It's incredibly generous of
him, but Fazioli fever has that
effect on people: It turns them
into evangelists who want to
share the glorious sound of this
amazing instrument with every-
one else.

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Ready to Learn project needs more donations of school supplies

STAFF REPORT
Once again, Project Ready to
Learn is off to a good start.

During the first week of our
annual school supplies drive,
the Hills and Contra Costa
counties dropped off dozens
of backpacks, pencil boxes
and other organizers.

Still, much more is needed.
Number of East Bay families
in poverty continues to rise,
and food banks and home-
less shelters report increased de-
mand for services.

That means more kids than
ever need your help.

Please, give what you can
when everyone pitches in,
small donations really add
up.

Donated items will be distrib-
uted to children from very low-
income families by our project
partners: Contra Costa's Volun-
teer and Emergency Services,
the Shirley Eastman Child-
ren's Fund of Alameda County
and other services.

Here's how to contribute:

Donate supplies

Project Ready to Learn seeks
sets of new items, each ready for
one individual child. Choose one
or more of the options below:

■ A pencil box full of supplies
for an elementary school child:
glue stick, safety scissors,
crayons, colored pencils or magic
markers, writing pencils, a ruler
and several big pink erasers.

■ A Velcro or spiral organizer
packed with supplies for a mid-
dle or high-school student: pens,
No. 2 pencils, markers or colored
pencils, several notebooks or lots
of loose-leaf paper, folders, a cal-
endar or homework planner, a
compass or protractor.

■ A solar-powered business
calculator.

■ Reference books, such as a
paperback dictionary or a single-
volume encyclopedia.

■ A sturdy backpack, any
style or color.

Label each set of supplies with
the grade level of the child for
which it is appropriate. You may

also want to include gender.
("Fourth-grade boy," for instance,
or "high-school girl.")

The deadline for donations is
5 p.m. Friday, Aug. 30.

Drop off supplies during regu-
lar weekday business hours at
any of these offices:

■ Contra Costa Times, 2640
Shadelands Drive, Walnut Creek,
925-935-2525.

■ Ledger Dispatch, 1700 Car-
rallo Road, Antioch, 925-757-2525.

■ San Ramon Valley Times, 524
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■ Valley Times, 127 Spring
St., Pleasanton, 925-462-4160.

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ley Voice, 4301 Lakeside Drive,
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■ Alameda Journal, 1516 Oak
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Mark Court, Suite 170, Concord,
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■ Contra Costa Sun, 3435 Mt.
Diablo Blvd., Suite 206, Lafayette,
925-284-4444.

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1969 Mountain Blvd., Oakland,
510-339-3939.

Give money

Cash donations will be used
to buy additional school supplies
for kids in need. All contributions
are tax deductible.

In Contra Costa County, write a
check to VESTIA (which stands
for Volunteer and Emergency
Services Team in Action), and in-
clude the words "For school sup-
plies" in the memo line. Mail to
VESTIA, 30 Muir Road, Mar-
tinez, CA 94553. For details, call
925-335-2190.

In Alameda County, write a
check to Alameda County Social
Services, including the words
"For school supplies" in the
memo line. Mail to Alameda
County Social Services, Attn:
Vanessa Anderson, Worker
#A038, 1106 Madison St., Suite
420, Oakland, CA 94607.

More information about Project
Ready to Learn can be found
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"... were it left to me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers or newspapers without a government, I should not hesitate a moment to prefer the latter."
— Thomas Jefferson

EDITORIAL

Photographer's death is loss of life and art

THE VERY DEFINITION of an adventurer, of course, is that he or she faces dangers that the rest of us take pains to avoid. But when the adventurer returns, the rest of us get to share the experience vicariously, through stories and pictures.

The best of those verbal or visual images can inspire us to take our own steps into the unknown or the unfamiliar — whether physical or spiritual.

Beginning in the early '70s, the rest of us got to experience the world's most awe-inspiring wild places without ever having to strap on climbing gear or face a Sierra snowstorm, through the images Galen Rowell caught on film.

Whether it was horses galloping against the backdrop of the Tetons, penguins marching as though in formation or a human climber dangling off a rock, Rowell's photographs had a breathtaking quality.

It came from a sense of discovery — as though this particular combination of light, form, color had never been noticed and captured that way before.

But in other photos, he also made us see our own Bay Area in a new way, through his artist's eye.

On Sunday, Galen Rowell and his wife, Barbara, died in a plane crash as they were returning home to Bishop from a working trip to the Bering Sea. They had moved to Bishop last year from the East Bay.

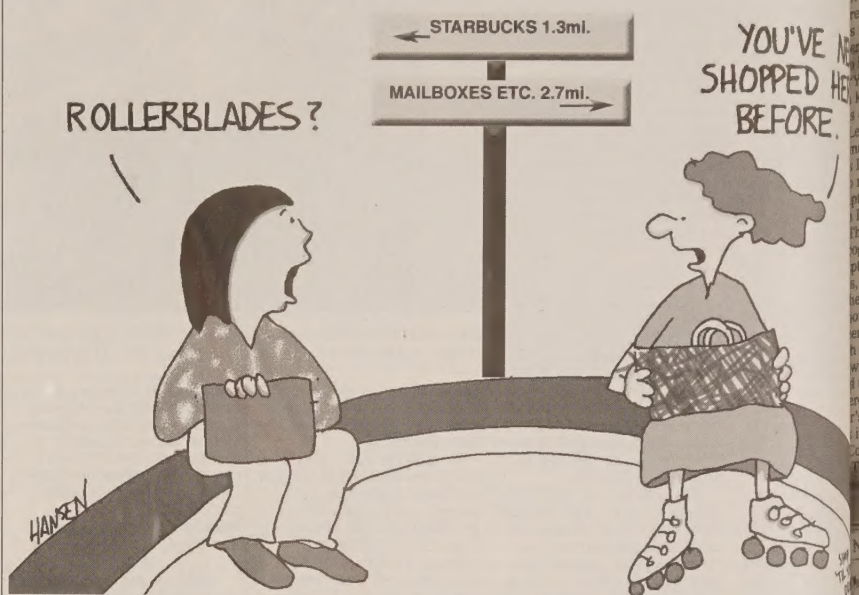
Born in Berkeley, Rowell had ranged far, in the last couple of decades to Nepal, Pakistan, China, Tibet — places most of us will only know through the pages of publications such as National Geographic, which printed so many of his photos.

But he also invited us to see our own Bay Area through equally striking images, and appreciate it anew.

Rowell made being a sometimes daring participant in nature part and parcel of his way of working. It's ironic and sad that he died on what was, for him, basically a commute.

Just 61, Rowell was nowhere near done with his life's work. And yet fate had other ideas. When an artist such as him is taken from us, it doesn't feel so much like a loss — it feels like a theft.

EL CERRITO PLAZA IS ONE LONG WALK



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Sleeping in a stadium

Thanks for your front page article, "Mixed reviews for the renewed Plaza," and for your editorial.

Our family joins with others in appreciating the sales tax revenue the new Plaza provides, and in shaking our heads over the aesthetic/safety catastrophe it is, at least so far.

Our particular concern, living only a couple of blocks away, has to do with the lighting. We find ourselves living in the commercial land of the midnight sun. This is especially true on an overcast night when the brilliant white glare of the lights reflects back down on many square blocks of residential neighborhood, causing a person to cast a shadow at midnight.

Driving around at night, or flying over the country by plane, one sees that apricot-colored lighting is the almost ubiquitous choice of city planners. Even the Oakland shipyards are lit primarily by colored light.

There are well-documented health, good-sleep, and star-gazing reasons for this. We wishfully assumed that these halogen-like lights were for construction purposes only, but it seems not. Now we feel as if we were sleeping in a stadium.

Who can help?

Ann Jauregui
El Cerrito

Reject coffee brew-haha

I'm convinced of the absurdity of the "PC coffee" referendum, especially after its, er, author, Rick Young, bizarrely suggesting people have no right to choose what kind of coffee they buy.

Really, the "PC coffee" referendum in my city's November ballot, isn't about helping the environment or coffee growers — areas where its passage would have negligible impact. It's about a handful of oddballs with an obsessive desire to control inconsequential aspects of other people's lives.

Ironically, there are good reasons for people to voluntarily (repeat, voluntarily) consider buying the organic, shade-grown, or "Fair Trade"-certified coffees that this stunt seeks to promote. But reasonable people can agree that promoting environmentally-friendly, worker-friendly, or just tasty coffee should be left to public discussion, in forums like this page, and voluntary personal decisions.

Only nuts want to appoint a "coffee police" to inspect vendors' beans. My neighbors generally want our city to be a leader, not a laughingstock, in attempts to save the planet.

I'm confident we will overwhelmingly reject the "PC coffee" referendum's over-bred restrictions on personal freedom. And then gradually, and voluntarily, discover the merits of coffee grown under good conditions.

Michael Katz
Berkeley

Bring on the love

The state of the financial markets and the national economy are simply reflecting the consolidated mold of the values

held by us. At present, these values seem to be based, to a great extent, on distrust, dishonesty, arrogance and greed.

The misery resulting from the glorification of self-interest, the confidence in competition, and the acceptance of exploitation is gradually making more and more of us fed up with these attitudes.

It is just a matter of time and the intensity of the suffering before enough people will get themselves out from under the spell of these illusory values, and begin experimenting with generosity, humility, courage and cooperation.

At some point, our nation, in fact all of humanity, will have to turn to love in its pure form of "loving those whom we cannot love."

This will be our salvation and the solution to all of our problems.

How concerned am I? Not at all concerned — I'm fed up.

Ron Greenstein
El Cerrito

Worthy transit idea

AC Transit is now setting up bus stops for the new "bus rapid transit" on San Pablo Avenue.

To provide rapid service, these express buses require stops to be on the far side of a traffic light for signal pre-emption equipment to work. Signal pre-emption, which allows an approaching bus to extend a green or hold off a red, at long last gives buses an edge over cars that buses need, to provide convenient, rapid transit.

One would think businesses on San Pablo Avenue would welcome the increase in bus-riding business and the reduction in traffic congestion from increased bus use. But I read that some businesses near Solano and San Pablo avenues want AC Transit to move the stops away from where the signal pre-emption would work properly.

They say that bus stops actually drive away business. What on earth are we to make of such an attitude?

Traffic congestion ranks high in the list of urban problems for the vast majority of people. Bus rapid transit is an attempt to actually do something about it.

So instead of supporting this effort, these businesses want to sabotage it, by moving the stops to where they won't do any good. Buses certainly do not drive away business. Traffic congestion and too many cars for available parking definitely do drive away business.

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Can't the Albany City Council do things to these benighted business-ers?

Not for pedestrians

A headline in a recent story in the Journal read, "Mixed reviews for renewed Plaza."

The article was accompanied by a large photograph, which I found to be a prime example of what is wrong with El Cerrito Plaza. There is a sea of cars and cars that centers the Plaza. It is the shops and stores that are primarily the cars.

I really take offense at this. I take public transportation. For me to shop, I have to get off either at the end of Pier 1 or at the BART station. The which used to be on Fairmount Avenue was eliminated in favor of parking either way, you have to hike in to the shops.

Whoever designed this had no mind for the Plaza, not pedestrians. It is a wholly unpedestrian mall. For example, if I wanted to get from Piedmont, Bath & Beyond, I cannot walk in a straight line.

I find little reason to shop or dine at the "new and improved" El Cerrito Plaza. John G. ...

Global warming peril

There's a plethora of evidence indicating global warming will become a peril in the span of one generation. Less drastic change is made. This is news.

Now scientists are able to utilize computer technology to forecast precise climate changes. Even skeptics cannot deny its potential damage. And global warming is an influential factor in the melting of Alaskan glaciers.

Global warming is the upsurge of trapped heat caused by certain gases such as carbon dioxide — into the atmosphere. Primary sources of carbon dioxide emissions include automobiles and power plants, the latter accounting for more than a third of all carbon dioxide emissions from American sources. The number becomes more significant when one considers the embarrassing fact that even though Americans make up 25 percent of the world's population, they generate nearly 22 percent of the world's greenhouse gas emissions (excluding nuclear power).

There's a cry now, more than ever, for clean energy solutions that will reduce the rate of carbon dioxide emissions. Renewable sources of energy such as solar and geothermal sources, offer alternatives to polluting energy sources such as fossil fuel.

The California Clean Energy Act (SB 1524) proposes California obtain 25 percent of its energy from renewable sources by the year 2010. I believe a bill must pass to counteract the increasing threat that global warming poses to our society and the international community as well.

Schildt is a grassroots organizer with California Public Interest Group.

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Albany resident is KOPS in weight-loss

KOPS means Take Off Pounds Sensibly, and that's just what Karen Corey is doing, reaching her goal of becoming queen of the chapter.

Corey says you'll find it's a group whose members only support each other in weight-loss efforts, but become friends as well. "You make good friends and keep them forever," she says of the group.

You think it is just for fun, Corey's predecessor, Don Dowdell, who was runner-up for king of the Area Recognition in April. There are even International Recognition Days, when TOPS members from different countries and cities come together for special awards and a crown an international king, and inspire members to keep the pounds off. There are stories, workshops and more around the area when they're meeting; this international conference in Colorado Springs, Colo. Corey has been a member of TOPS chapter since 1975, she joined with one of



CLARA-RAE GENSER
Community Folk

her daughters. The Roseville native has lived in Nevada and Berkeley, but now lives in Albany.

She has been secretary, program chairman, contest chairwoman, chapter leader and weight recorder; she's a big fan of TOPS, obviously, and very informative on its history.

The nonprofit group was formed in 1948 by Esther Manz. When members reach their weight-loss goal, they join KOPS (Keep Off Pounds Sensibly). Some, she says, may never get all the way there, but even losing most of their excess pounds will make them healthier and they'll feel better.

The TOPS plan incorporates learning about metabolism, exercise, meal-planning and nutrition, all aimed at helping members to a healthier way of life.

For more information on the TOPS open house, call Eileen Murphy at 652-7710. For more on TOPS call 1-800-932-8677 or go to www.tops.org



JOANNA JHANDA/STAFF

KAREN COREY has been a member of Take Off Pounds Sensibly since 1975. The weight-loss group incorporates learning about metabolism, exercise, meal-planning and nutrition.

Do you know people, places or groups in El Cerrito, Albany or Kensington that would make good subjects for this column?

If so, please write me at 555 Pierce St., No. 443, Albany, CA 94706 or call 525-4585. E-mail crgenser@aol.com.

Returning to school is major transition



BETTY KING BUGINAS
Schools

SCHOOL OPENS Aug. 27 in the West Contra Costa Unified School District (Aug. 26 at El Cerrito High), so you might want to start getting psyched up. A lot of back-to-school articles and ad copy emphasize things such as getting school supplies and adjusting to getting up early, but it's even more important to be emotionally ready. That goes for all of us — staff, parents and kids.

Returning to school after the relative freedom of summer is a big transition, plus there is the adjustment to a new teacher and classmates.

Children starting school for the first time or transferring to a different school have that much more change to cope with. Having a chance to talk about their concerns is usually helpful, as is getting a chance to visit a new school or classroom, meeting the teacher, and getting other information.

Of course taking care of all the details contributes to feeling mentally prepared.

A good place to start is to make sure the school knows your child is coming, and that you know the day and time school starts. Each year we have students on our class lists who don't show, others who register after school has started, and others who show up days late.

At worst, the child who shows up late might not get a spot at that school because the classes at their grade level are full. At the least, the stress of starting a new school year is made worse for a child who shows up late.

Getting school supplies is a good idea, but I've seen lists of recommended supplies that bear little resemblance to what most teachers I know expect children to show up with.

A backpack is handy for carrying lunches, homework, books and notices back and forth. A lunch is a good idea until you're certain the child has a lunch ticket. Older students in particular are often en-

couraged to bring additional materials but probably won't find out exactly what is needed until the first day of class.

If you want to stock up, just keep in mind some of the items might be better kept at home. You might also offer to purchase something for the class, which will send a message to your child about sharing.

Expect a lot of information to come home with your child the first few days, especially an emergency card that administrators really want back right away. Watch for a school calendar too. If you have information you want your child's teacher to have right away, such as information on allergies, it's best to write it down.

Establishing routines for before and after school, where to keep school materials, and doing homework makes everything go smoother. An important part of that routine is talking about school regularly with your child. This lets them know you consider school important and gives you an opportunity to coach them on how to resolve any problems they might be having.

For tips about getting ready for the beginning of school, www.greatschools.net has some good information—after you select "California" from the home page look for "No More Back-to-School Blues: Nine Tips for a Smooth Transition." But take the list of school supplies with a grain of salt.

Betty King Buginas is a teacher in the West Contra Costa Unified School District and a former city editor of the West County Times.

SENIOR CALENDAR

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Richmond Jewish Center — 9 a.m.-5 p.m. 1414 Walnut St. Classes in art, exercise, Hebrew and yoga and photography, Sun-ches and films. Kosher lunch on Thursday. 510-848-0237.

Berkeley Senior Center — 8 a.m. weekdays, 1901 Hearst Way, classes in languages, dance, sewing, ceramics, exercise. Bingo 1-2 p.m. Monday-Thursdays. Movies 1 p.m. days and opera videos 1 p.m.

Fridays. Hawaiian Dancers will perform 1:15 p.m. Tuesday. Bob Ross will play the piano and sing 1:15 p.m. Wednesday. 510-981-5190.

South Berkeley Senior Center — 8 a.m.-5 p.m. weekdays, 2939 Ellis St. Tap dancing, ceramics, hat-making, line dancing, arts, crafts, painting, tai chi, gentle exercise, computer classes. 510-644-6109.

St. John's Senior Center — 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Tuesdays and 9 a.m.-noon Thursdays, 2277 College Ave. Arts and crafts, creative writing, computers, cultural studies, tap dancing, current events. Lunch at noon Tuesdays. 510-845-6830.

West Berkeley Senior Center — 8 a.m.-5 p.m. weekdays, 1900 6th St. Bingo, ceramics, computers, gentle exercise. Line dancing 1:30 p.m. Wednesdays. Birthdays will be celebrated today and there will be entertainment. 510-981-5180.

El Cerrito

El Cerrito Committee on Aging — 3 p.m. Wednesday at El Cerrito Community Center, 7007 Moers Lane.

Christ Lutheran Senior Center — 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Mondays, 780 Ashbury Ave. Conversational German and Spanish, creative writing, current events, computers, needlecrafts and

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St. John's Senior Center — 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Tuesdays, 6500 Gladys Ave. Computers, needlecrafts, painting and drawing. Tai chi 9:30-10:30 a.m. Sit-down exercises 11:30 a.m.-noon. Leah McIntosh will give an update on Medicare 12:30 p.m. Tuesday. 510-237-3808.

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Community Center — 7007 Moers Lane. There will be a tea dance 1-4 p.m. Wednesday. \$3 admission. 510-215-4340.

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Kensington Senior Activity Center — 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Thursdays at Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave. Instruction in conversational German, computers, watercolor painting and meditation group. Massage therapy available; there is a fee. 510-526-9146.

Richmond

Senior Adult Activity Center — 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Tuesdays at First Presbyterian Church, 34th Street and Barrett Avenue. Games, classes on card games, art painting, dancing and quilting. World War II "Rosies" meet at 9 a.m. and at 11 a.m. there will be a viewing of Rosie the Riveter videos. White elephant sale will be Tuesday. 510-620-9566.

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Regional pain clinic is set to close

By Michal Lando
STAFF WRITER

Summit Medical Center's Pain Management Service and Pain Clinic in Oakland will close in mid-September.

According to Alta Bates Summit Medical Center officials, Summit can no longer afford to keep the five-year-old pain clinic going, because reimbursement through Medicare and MediCal only cover a small percentage of the facility's expenses.

While the clinic officially closed July 15, staff will continue to work with patients until Sept. 15. (Alta Bates and Summit facilities are both affiliated with Sutter Health Corp.)

The clinic's location in downtown Oakland is conveniently near other medical services and public transportation and serves patients from all over the East Bay, helping them to manage life lived with

chronic pain.

"Summit's response is they can't afford it, and they are not looking into alternatives," said Oakland City Councilwoman Jane Brunner of District 1, North Oakland. "They should have met with the county when they were planning the closure. That is what a responsible medical center has the responsibility to do — to meet with leaders of the community before they make a decision."

But according to Carolyn Kemp, a spokesperson for Alta Bates Summit, the clinic was intended to be "an intermediary solution" when it was opened five years ago, as a way of alleviating some of the primary-patient-care overload.

"The medical center lost \$60 million last year, and we had to take long looks at all the different areas within the center," Kemp said. "We started with cuts

at the management level, consolidating business services and then started looking at the programs that we were losing money on."

Though she acknowledged that management at the medical center has made several errors in the way it's handled the clinic's closure over the last few months, Kemp said officials are doing all they can to help patients make a transition into other providers and clinics.

The announced closure has brought together city, county and state officials who felt that they, too, were deceived by Summit Medical Center, in an effort to monitor Sutter Health, the largest hospital corporation in Northern California. Sutter purchased Summit Medical Center in 2000.

Despite promises by Summit managers that they would notify local leaders of any changes un-

der consideration, local officials said they were not notified of the clinic's closure until after the management decision was finalized and made public.

"This is yet another example of Sutter's lack of consideration for the community and patients you serve," said state Sen. Don Perata in a letter to the head of Alta Bates Summit Medical Center. "As a community, we have been notified of changes in service only well after decisions have been made. There is never any prior consideration given to your patients nor elected officials."

According to Brunner, it costs \$500,000 a year to operate the pain clinic, \$200,000 of which is reimbursed by MediCal and Medicare.

"The \$300,000 difference is not a whole lot," Brunner said. "If they had come to us earlier, we could have worked toward a

solution. Now we are under the gun, scrambling to find a solution so people aren't traveling two hours to get to a clinic."

According to Kemp, though, Alta Bates Summit Medical Center cares for more Medicare and MediCal patients than the county hospital, and because reimbursement rates are so low, the center's ability to financially support the pain clinic has become increasingly difficult over the past five years. Kemp said that Medicare/MediCal patients make up more than 80 percent of Summit's patient population, and more than 50 percent of Alta Bates' patient population.

"The only good thing that has come out of this whole terrible process is that it has become obvious how bad reimbursement rates are," Kemp said. "The service is desperately needed by patients but (is) underfunded."

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EL CERRITO CHAMBER MEETING

By Sewall G...

Three business Curves for Women State Farm Insurance James Fung — have come members of the Chamber of Commerce. El Cerrito Plaza will be operated by owners Doug Morris. The sandwich will be open daily from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Also scheduled for the plaza in late September are the "Enterprises" Curves for Women gym, located at 2111 Plaza and operated by Smith and Annabell, and a new restaurant featuring a weight loss program for women.

Another of the newest members, scheduled to open in September, is Insurance Co. of the Pacific East Main Street. He will offer coverage for cars, life and businesses, various financial services. **THREE MORE** Walgreen's Drug Store, Vista Gold & Coin Plaza Coin Laundry, and a new member of the Chamber of Commerce.

CHAMBER MEETING El Cerrito Chamber was well-represented at the 43rd annual Chamber Day on August 10, which featured a chamber party for the chambers at the El Cerrito Side Club including Marge Collins, Dennis Mespelt, Klem Salas and Brody Giles, and Hardina, John and Nora, Charles and Jeannie Kling, and Grover and Blaine. **BUSINESS THANKS:** Association member Celebrate Community praised firms in the summer's newsletter. They are Brown, Lanier & Home Music and El Cerrito.

HOW TO PREPARE: A BASIC CHECKLIST

1. At Home ... Establish an emergency plan and make sure everyone in the family knows it by heart. ... Rearrange the furniture (move the bed away from the window, strap down bookcases, appliances and water heaters, etc.). ... Install smoke detectors and fire extinguishers. ... Identify a secondary exit from each room. If you live above the first story, install rope escape ladders that can be quickly hung out the windows. ... Learn how to shut off all your utilities. ... Choose an outdoor location where relatives can leave messages, an emergency meeting place where you can meet, and an out-of-state phone number to relay messages. ... Network with your neighbors, friends and co-workers. Set up a "buddy" system so that others are aware of people's special needs and can provide mutual assistance.
2. Leave a cache of emergency supplies everywhere you spend a lot of time, including home, work and car. Things to include: ... Sanitary supplies, including toilet paper and plastic bags. ... Flashlights (plus extra batteries), light sticks, lanterns and/or emergency power generator. ... For evacuation, a full set of clothing for each family member, extra eyeglasses, hearing aid, cane, medication, car keys and special foods. ... Auxiliary cooking devices, such as camp stove, barbecue, fuel and waterproof matches. ... Emergency supplies for cleanup, shelter and fire fighting.
3. Store food and bottled water for every member of the family, including your pets. You'll require two different stashes: ... a 72-hour supply of "carry-out" food (powdered milk, trail mix, dried jerky, etc.) in a backpack in case you're suddenly evacuated. ... A 2-week supply that can be prepared with a minimum of time, equipment, heat and water. Avoid foods that increase thirst or spoil quickly.
4. Set up first-aid kits, including medications, dressing and bandages. Rotate regularly to keep them

fresh.

5. Keep vital family information in two different safe places: a fire-resistant "get away" box and a safe deposit box. Include Social Security numbers, vehicle ID and license numbers, credit card and bank accounts, insurance policies, deeds and loans, as well as location information of other documents including birth certificates, wills, tax returns, etc.
6. Back up your computer. There were many sad tales from the Oakland Hills fire of people who lost the novels they'd been working on for years when their computers went up in flames.
7. Don't forget Fido and Fluffy. ... Make sure all your pets have ID tags, tattoos or computer chips. ... Authorize in writing a nearby friend or neighbor to care for your pet in your absence. ... Put together an emergency kit, including food and water, feeding dish, medication with instructions, health records, information about the veterinarian, and either a dog leash or cat carrier. ... Remember, most emergency shelters don't allow pets; so make plans in advance for alternative temporary housing.
8. Enroll in a free CPR, first aid, fire prevention, or other emergency preparedness class through NEAT (in El Cerrito and Kensington) or EQPP (in Albany).
9. Finally, you already have an excellent survival guide in your own house, although you probably don't know it. It's your telephone book. Look in the "B" section of the white pages, and you'll find page after page of useful advice about first aid, emergency CPR, treating burns and broken bones, earthquake response measures, etc. Read it now. You won't have time to leisurely peruse the pages when an emergency strikes.

— Martin Snapp

Prepare

FROM PAGE A1

it's called CERT, short for Civil Emergency Response Teams. And in El Cerrito and Kensington, it's called NEAT, short for Neighborhood Emergency Assistance Teams.

Whatever the name, they all have the same goal: to provide information to help people survive a disaster — whether it's natural, like the Loma Prieta quake or the Oakland Hills fire, or man-made, such as a terrorist attack.

The Association of Bay Area Governments warns that when the next Big One strikes, much of the infrastructure we take for granted — roads, bridges, hospitals, transit, food markets, schools — will be knocked out of commission. Hence this chilling prediction from FEMA, the Federal Emergency Management Administration: "A strong (7.5) earthquake on the Hayward fault is expected to cause 4,000 fatalities, 3,000 to 12,000 people requiring hospitalization, and an estimated \$44 billion in property loss. These figures are only estimates and could increase two to three times, depending on how unprepared citizens are to respond. Or they can be significantly reduced if preparedness becomes part of daily living."

That's where El Cerrito's NEAT program — and its sister programs in other cities — comes in.

"Experience has shown that in major disasters, our public safety personnel can be overwhelmed for up to three days," said NEAT director Pat Cafel.

TRAINING

Here are some dates for upcoming NEAT training courses. The courses are free and consist of a classroom session and hands-on drill. Topics include: mass casualty incidents, disaster medicine, hazardous materials, damage assessment, search and rescue, fire suppression, utility control, emergency communication, risk assessment and hazard mitigation, and home and neighborhood preparedness.

Classes: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Oct. 12 and 13 (choose one)
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"We're here to tell you what you'll need to know until they come back on line again."

To this end, NEAT conducts free emergency preparedness and fire-safety classes, hosts community meetings and offers user-friendly literature to residents of El Cerrito and Kensington. The goal is to have every citizen prepared, wherever he or she may be when disaster strikes.

"How can you be sure you'll be at home?" Cafel asks. "You could just as easily be at work. Which means you'll not only need an emergency plan for your workplace, you'll need another plan back at home, so your family will know how to cope without you."

"Just to take one small example, do your kids know how to get hold of you if the local phones go down? That's what happened after the Loma Prieta

quake; you couldn't call across town, but you could call out-of-state. We recommend having everyone in the family memorize the number of an out-of-state friend or relative, to use as a clearing house for messages."

Accompanying this story is a brief checklist of some basic preventive measures you can take. But it's just a partial list. If you live in Kensington or El Cerrito, you can obtain more information, arrange for a speaker to talk to your group or sign up for a free emergency preparedness class by calling Cafel at 510-525-7268. In Albany, the person to call is Fire Marshal Brian Crudo at EQPP 510-28-5775, Ext. 2.

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East Bay's Michael Morgan directs children, adults to music

By Sue Gilmore
STAFF WRITER

IT'S EARLY ENOUGH on a recent Friday evening that dust motes are still dancing in the sunlight shafts streaming through the roof slats at a cavernous rehearsal hall on the edge of Interstate 680 in Walnut Creek. The barnlike interior, for the moment, has been transformed into picnic grounds where the god-fearing members of the New Hope Baptist Church are milling about, hissing caty remarks to one another about that tramp, Susannah, who has just been "invited" to leave the festivities.

The distraught Susannah — as played by soprano Cynthia Clayton — has left her covered caserole behind. The music swells and slides ominously downward as one harsh-faced Baptist daughter with her hair in a bun carries the dish gingerly, slowly forward, scorn dripping from her voice as she drones "I wouldn't tetch them peas of hern!"

There's no orchestra present, but Festival Opera conductor Michael Morgan's arm descends squarely on the downbeat with the last crashing chord from the rehearsal keyboardist. It's a pivotal scene where all the elements have to be working together: the music, the drama, the acting, the movement, the voice. Everyone in the electrified room recognizes the moment as perfect, but it is Morgan who first breaks the hush, issuing a loud whoop that echoes from the rafters, stomping the ground in a paroxysm of glee and leading the assemblage of three dozen opera company members in a round of cheers and applause.

Morgan, Festival's music director for five years and interim artistic director since Olivia Stapp's sudden resignation last fall, has reason to feel proud and just a tad proprietary about this production of Carlisle Floyd's 1955 opera "Susannah" (which opened Saturday night at the Dean Lesher Regional Center for the Arts). But for his constantly coaxing a somewhat reluctant board, this biblical tale of bigotry and despair transported to rural Tennessee might never have graced the local stage. It is the first non-European opera the 11-year-old Walnut Creek company has ever put on.

"Oh, it's very much a breakthrough," says Morgan from his offices at the Oakland East Bay Symphony — his other, bigger, musical baby in the Bay Area. "I've been trying to get 'Susannah' on the stage for three or four years now."

Having helped build Festival's reputation over the past few years as a struggling but thoroughly credible musical organization, Morgan is anxious to see its horizons broaden. "It's artistically very healthy, and now we have to sustain it financially; and the other challenge, which 'Susannah' is a part of, is breaking out," he declares. "You can't just do the same

10 operas from the top 10 all the time and have a company, not to mention the fact that an American company ought to do an American opera from time to time. It doesn't seem like a lot to ask," he says.

Morgan's recruitment by Festival Opera — and his similar drafting by the Sacramento Philharmonic, which appointed him music director two years ago — is attributable to the impressive turnabout he has facilitated at the Oakland East Bay Symphony during his 12-year tenure there. Check with board members and staff at all three organizations, and the stories are remarkably similar.

Where once there was great financial instability (actual bankruptcies in the case of the two orchestras), distrust, low morale and much left to prove in terms of artistic credibility, there are now three musical entities that are either expanding or holding their turf and garnering highly respectable critical reviews from concertgoers and press alike.

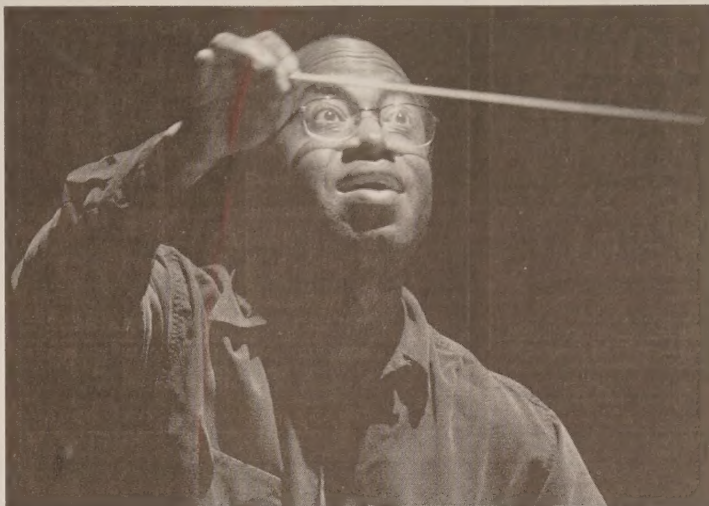
It's tempting to pin the knight-in-shining armor tag on the trim, diminutive Morgan, but he deflects that with characteristic dry humor: "I do prefer to be known for rebuilding things as opposed to being known for presiding over the collapse of things," he says. "And I do think that a combination of some artistic imagination and sensitivity to market forces is the way to rebuild all of these organizations."

Jim Hasler, a marketing executive at Clorox Corporation and 5-year Oakland East Bay Symphony board member who stepped up to the presidency in July, couldn't be more in agreement.

"Michael doesn't isolate himself from the business issues that are involved with running an orchestra," he notes. "He is very much grounded in reality. He has his dreams, but when you present him with some real issues or challenges, he looks at them and he sees them."

Over at the Sacramento Philharmonic, which has completed the past two seasons in the black, outgoing executive director Christina Richter notes that there was a 20 percent increase in subscription sales last year, and the orchestra is on target for another 25 percent jump this year. Many of the musicians who scattered to the winds during the orchestra's two previous debacles have been drawn back by Morgan's artistic reputation. Richter also singles out his expertise at schmoozing.

"He has rebuilt trust in the community by putting on wonderful concerts, of course, but also by getting out in the community, meeting with community leaders, meeting with CEOs, the supervisors, the mayor. He has no problem going face to face with people and just telling them very seriously how it is ... about the hardships we have to face in rebuilding an orchestra," she says.



MICHAEL MORGAN, 44, conducts the Festival Opera orchestra during a dress rehearsal of "Susannah" on Tuesday at the Dean Lesher Regional Center for the Arts in Walnut Creek.

Morgan and Richter launched a schools outreach program last season — similar to one he runs at the Oakland East Bay Symphony — that took the conductor face to face with 1,500 schoolchildren.

"He loves kids, and he is so excellent with them," Richter says. "These kids, they'll come up to him and ask for autographs. They think he walks on water, which of course he does, but he makes the musician experience very real for these children."

Bringing music to children and vice versa is a top priority with Morgan in all three of his jobs (actually, he considers them four and will hastily remind you that he serves as music director of the Oakland Youth Orchestra if you forget to mention it). At Festival Opera every summer, at least one rehearsal is opened to a busload of children from East Oakland, students in the summer music camp Betty Gading runs from the Allen Temple Baptist Church.

Gadling, who uses Morgan as her artistic consultant, can't say enough about his commitment to youths: "He's really for the kids, he's in their corner."

"He just thinks they don't get enough, and he does everything he can to get things for them to help make them more rounded."

Longtime Morgan friend and occasional musical collaborator Frederica von Stade, the Bay Area's best known opera star, echoes the theme. "I love to talk about Michael — anytime," she says. "He is the Pied Piper of the East Bay and a wonderful man."

The famed mezzo-soprano and Morgan were "auctioned off" as a package deal at a fund-raiser last year and will appear together (with him at the piano as well as the podium) at a benefit for Cas-

tro Valley High School in February. She sings praises of both his wit and his political wisdom in coyness up to people like Oakland Mayor Jerry Brown.

"He has a fabulous sense of humor, and he is one of the best public speakers I know," she says. "I think he has made a great connection with the mayor of Oakland, and that has been a very important association, getting the recognition of what the orchestra does for the city."

For his part, Morgan considers the glad-handing a necessary good, a vital skill for the milieu in which he operates every day. "These days, in order to integrate what we do in the arts into the community, you are further dealing with social issues and political issues and working with various constituencies. When we bus those kids from East Oakland out to a Festival Opera dress rehearsal," he adds, "this is where art and politics and sociology all come together, to the benefit of all."

A native of Washington, D.C., Morgan showed early promise in piano studies as a child, but caught the conducting bug as a 10-year-old watching a conductor's arm waving up and down on TV. By junior high, he had convinced his band teacher to give him conducting lessons and got his first taste of action at age 12, conducting his public school orchestra through an original piece his teacher helped him orchestrate to demonstrate how to deploy all the various instruments.

Meanwhile, a letter he wrote to the National Symphony Orchestra brought him a more or less open invitation to attend rehearsals there; conducting lessons with Murray Sidlin, the National's assistant conductor,

led to a connection with Sergiu Comissiona and the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra, whose young conductor competition Morgan won at the age of 16.

As a student at the Oberlin Conservatory of Music, he worked with Gunther Schuller, Seiji Ozawa and even the redoubtable Leonard Bernstein. At age 23, he won an international conducting competition in Vienna, which led to a post as assistant conductor of the St. Louis Symphony under Leonard Slatkin. In 1986, Sir Georg Solti of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra tapped him to be assistant conductor, a post he continued to hold for three years after coming to the podium in Oakland.

Perhaps because of the encouragement he got as a youngster, Morgan is on a pay-it-forward mission to broaden access to careers in classical music for young people, especially minorities. Fully one-third of the symphony's budget is going into educational outreach. Morgan refers to it as building future performers and future audiences.

In addition, he always seems to have a young charge under wing.

Currently, that would be 23-year-old David Kurtenbach, an Oberlin College music major who

BIOGRAPHY

- **NAME:** Michael Morgan
- **AGE:** 44
- **OCCUPATION:** Musician
- **EMPLOYERS:** Oakland East Bay Symphony and the Oakland Youth Orchestra, Festival Opera, Walnut Creek and the Sacramento Philharmonic Orchestras
- **RESIDENT OF:** Oakland
- **IN THE NEWS:** Last season's Festival Opera performance of Carlisle Floyd's "Susannah" in the Dean Lesher Regional Center for the Arts; Civic and Local; Walnut Creek, 8 p.m. and Friday, 2 p.m. tickets \$56, 925-943-7489
- **WHAT HE'S READING:** "Brown: The Last Days of America" by Richard Hann and "Naked" by David Shields
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is serving as Morgan's conductor for "Susannah" and the two met at a Colono camp when Kurtenbach was 17-year-old pianist.

Conducting classes Morgan changed all that. "I had everything to do with it," Kurtenbach says. "I saw the kinds of things he was doing artistically, which appealed to me. He is a musical influence, period."

When he got into college, Kurtenbach was coming to Oakland for and for living with his Piedmont Avenue shares with his mother.

"My father was what does he want, and I said, 'Well, on the opportunity to be one,'" Kurtenbach says.

Morgan's mentoring low-key in style, is doing very much appreciating young proteges. "Even then, he'll say, 'You're much better than I am,'" Kurtenbach says. "That's all you really need — that someone like you're doing a good all the encouragement."

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"Estuary Explorers." For ages 6 to 8. Each outing includes an outdoor exploration and a theme-related craft and snack. Children should be dropped off and allowed to have an independent nature experience. Reservations required to insure there are enough snacks. \$5 to \$7. 510-521-6887.

Free unless noted otherwise. 1252 McKay Ave., Alameda. 510-521-6887.

DUNSMUIR HOUSE AND GARDENS HISTORIC ESTATE — through Sept. 25. Nestled in the Oakland hills, the 40-acre Dunsmuir House and Gardens estate includes the 37-room Neoclassical Revival Dunsmuir Mansion, built by coal and lumber baron Alexander Dunsmuir for his bride. Restored outbuildings set amid landscaped gardens surround the mansion.

"Family Sundays," through Sept. 1. Enjoy G-rated entertainment, including puppetry, magic, music and dancing. Afternoon programs include docent-led tours of the Dunsmuir Mansion and self-guided garden tours.

Tours of the Mansion, Wednesday, 11 a.m. to noon. Docents will lead visitors on a guided tour of the 37-room mansion and the estate's historic landscaping. Wear low-heeled shoes; no high heels allowed in the mansion. \$5 general; \$4 seniors; free children age 13 and under.

GROUNDS — The 50 acres of gardens and grounds at the mansion are open to the public. Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free.

\$5 general; \$4 seniors; free children age 13 and under. Dunsmuir House and Gardens Historic Estate, 2960 Peralta Oaks Court, Oakland, 925-275-9490 or 610-615-5555 or www.dunsmuir.org.

HABITAT CHILDREN'S MUSEUM — A museum especially for children age 7 and younger. Highlights include "WaterWorks," an area with some unusual water toys, an Infant Tree for babies, a garden especially for toddlers, a child-scale grocery store and cafe, and a costume shop and stage for junior thespians. The museum also features a toy lending library.

EXHIBIT — "Back to the Farm," opened. This interactive exhibit gives children the chance to wiggle through tunnels like an earthworm, look into a mirrored fish pond, don farm animal costumes, ride on a John Deere tractor and much more.

\$4 general; \$6 children age 7 and un-

der; \$3 for each additional child. Monday and Wednesday, 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Tuesday and Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Thursday, 9:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. 2065 Kittredge Street and Shattuck Avenue, Berkeley. 510-847-1111 or www.habitat.org.

HALL OF HEALTH MUSEUM — A hands-on community health education museum and science center sponsored by Children's Hospital Oakland and Alta Bates Medical Center.

EXHIBITS — "This Is Your Heart!" ongoing. An interactive exhibit on heart health.

"Good Nutrition," ongoing. This exhibit includes models for making balanced meals and an exercise for calculating how calories are burned.

"Draw Your Own Insides," ongoing. Human-shaped chalkboards and models with removable organs allow visitors to explore the inside of their bodies.

"Your Cellular Self and Cancer Prevention," ongoing. An exhibit on understanding how cells become cancerous and how to detect and prevent cancer.

\$2. Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. 2230 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 510-549-1564 or www.hallofhealth.org.

JULIA MORGAN THEATRE — Hisyo Taiko, Aug. 25, 2 p.m. Featuring the Emeryville Taiko Kids Group presenting traditional Japanese drumming.

\$10 general; \$5 students and children. 2640 College Ave., Berkeley. 925-798-1300 or www.juliamorgan.org.

LAWRENCE HALL OF SCIENCE — Call or see Web site for exhibit information. Daily, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Centennial Drive, University of California, Berkeley. 510-642-5132 or www.lhs.berkeley.edu.

OAKLAND MUSEUM OF CALIFORNIA — "The Rustler Ranch Mastodon Project," Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Visitors are invited to watch staff members of the Natural Sciences Department prepare a nearly complete mastodon for exhibit.

"Online Museum," Thursdays, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Explore the museum's collection on videodisks in the History Department Library.

\$6 general; \$4 seniors and students; free children age 5 and under; sec-

ond Sundays are free to all. Wednesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday, noon to 5 p.m.; first Friday of the month, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. 1000 Oak St., Oakland. 888-OAK-MUSE or www.museumca.org.

OAKLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY — GOLDEN GATE BRANCH — The Fabulous Uncle Monkey, Aug. 16, 1 p.m.

5606 San Pablo Ave. 510-597-5023.

PIEDMONT BRANCH — The Fabulous Uncle Monkey, Aug. 17, 3 p.m.

160 41st St. 510-597-5011.

Free. Oakland. 510-238-3134.

OAKLAND ZOO — The zoo includes a Children's Petting Zoo, the Skyride, a miniature train, a carousel, picnic grounds and a gift shop as well as the animals in site-specific exhibits that allow them to roam freely. Included are "The African Savanna" with its two huge mixed-animal aviaries and 11 African Savanna exhibits; the Mahali Pa Tembo (Place of the Elephant) with African lions, giraffes, chimpanzees and more than 330 other animals from around the world; "Simba Pori," Swahili for "Lion Country," a spacious 1.5-acre habitat offering both a savanna and woodland setting for African lions; "Footprints from the Past," an anthropology exhibit showcasing 4 million years of human evolution and an actual "footprint" of the first hominids to emerge from the African savanna; "Sun Bear Exhibit," a state-of-the-art space the zoo has developed for its two sun bears; and Siamang Island, a state-of-the-art, barrier-free area that emulates the gibbons' native tropical rain forest habitat.

\$7.50 general; \$4.50 seniors and children age 2 to 14; free children under age 2; \$3 parking fee. Daily, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Knowland Park, 9777 Golf Links Road exit off Interstate Highway 580, Oakland. 510-632-9525 or www.oaklandzoo.org.

THE USS POTOMAC — The 165-foot presidential yacht USS Potomac, called the "Floating White House" when it was refurbished at the beginning of World War II for use by President Franklin Delano Roosevelt, has been restored to its World War II splendor.

Dockside Tours, ongoing. Tours of the Potomac at the dock are approximately 45 minutes. Tours canceled when weather is bad and the decks are too slippery to be safe; call ahead if the weather is rainy.

Wednesday and Friday, 10 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.; Sunday, noon to 3:15 p.m. \$3 general; \$2 seniors; \$1 youths age 6 to 17; free children under age 6; \$5 family rate for two adults and children.

Public History Cruises, through mid-November. The two-hour cruise into San Francisco Bay goes down the Oakland Estuary past the Port of Oakland container cargo facilities, then across the bay to San Francisco to view the historic vessels moored there. The cruise returns by way of Treasure Island, site of the 1939-1940 World Fair, the Golden Gate International Exposition. Clearly visible are the Fair's surviving Art Deco buildings and facilities used by Pan American Airways Clipper seaplanes and the U.S. Navy. Prior to departure, a 15-minute video about the history of the Potomac is shown at the Potomac Visitor Center. Advance reservations recommended. Thursday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. \$30 general; \$27 seniors; \$15 youths age 6 through 17; free children age 5 and under.

USS Potomac: FDR Pier, Foot of Clay Street, northwest end of Jack London Square, Oakland. Potomac Visitor Center, 450 Water St., Oakland. 510-639-8256 or 510-627-1215.

ROBERTS REGIONAL RECREATION AREA — Within the park's 82 acres are a heated outdoor pool, bathhouse, playing fields, picnic areas and hiking and riding trails. Sea captains once took their bearings from a towering redwood tree on Blossom Rock here.

Free; \$4 parking fee. Skyline Boulevard, 1/2 mile north of Joaquin Miller Road, Oakland. 510-521-6887 or www.ebparks.org.

TILDEN REGIONAL PARK —

"Butterfly Garden," Aug. 17, 10 a.m. Learn what plants host butterflies and their larvae, and what adaptations keep them flying. Stay an extra hour to help weed; bring gardening gloves and dress to get dirty.

"There's More Than Dirt in That Dirt!" Aug. 17, 1 p.m. Get hands-on and dirty while exploring the microcosms in the garden and elsewhere. Tiny bugs, bacteria and worms break it all down and build soil.

"Got Milk?" Aug. 17, 3 p.m. Meet the dairy animals and see how milk gets turned into cheese, butter and ice cream. Learn about the ruminants and try some tasty treats.

"Weather or Not?" Aug. 18, 1 p.m. Find out why the weather person is sometimes right. Make kits and test

them in the wind. For ages 9 to 13. "Sushi for the More Adventurous," Aug. 25, 11:30 a.m. A hands-on workshop to hear the history and fragile nature of this ancient cuisine, while making and tasting several of the more exotic variety of sushi, such as uni, tako, spicy tuna and dragon roll. For ages 8 and over; children ages 8 to 10 years old must have a parent participation. Registration required. \$35 to \$39 general; \$30 to \$34 seniors; \$25 to \$29 children ages 8 to 12.

"Summer Science Weeks," through Aug. 23. Week long sessions covering biology topics of interest to junior scientists, age 9 to 12. Reservations required. 510-636-1684.

Aug. 19 through Aug. 23: "Small World and Body Biology."

REGIONAL PARKS BOTANIC GARDEN

Guided docent tours of the gardens. Call ahead for times and to confirm tour is on for the day; most Saturdays and Sundays, 2 p.m.

Free unless noted otherwise. Take Canon Drive off Grizzly Peak Boulevard, Berkeley. 510-525-2233 or www.ebparks.org.

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY MUSEUM OF PALEONTOLOGY — "Tyrannosaurus Rex," ongoing. A 20-foot tall, 40-foot long replica of the fearsome dinosaur. "Pteranodon," ongoing. A suspended skeleton of a flying reptile with a wingspan of 22 to 23 feet.

"California Fossils Exhibit," ongoing. An exhibit of some of the fossils that have been excavated in California.

Free. Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Lobby, Valley Life Sciences Building, University of California, Berkeley. 510-642-1821 or www.ucmp.berkeley.edu.

USS HORNET MUSEUM — A World War II aircraft carrier that has been converted into a floating museum.

SPECIAL EVENTS —

"Flight Deck Fun," ongoing. A former Landing Signal Officer will show children how to bring in a fighter plane for a landing on the deck, then let them try the signals themselves. Times vary. Free with admission.

\$12 general; \$10 seniors, students and military, active or inactive; \$5 youths age 5 to 16; free children under age 5. Daily, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Pier 3 (enter at Alameda Avenue), Alameda Point, Alameda. 510-521-8448 or www.uss-hornet.org.

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A tale of spinning

WEAVING AND SPINNING
teacher Susan Spalding spins wool into yarn as brothers Jayden, 3, left, and Dylan, 2, along with Nettie Fox, watch the process during an open house at the Richmond Art Center earlier this month. The open house showcased the artists and classes available at the center.



EDDIE LEDESMA/STAFF

Election

FROM PAGE A1

West Contra Costa Health Care District board, three seats. Bettye J. Cash (incumbent), John I. Medlock Jr. (incumbent), Roger M. Poehlmann, Beverly E. Wallace, Jane Beam Wood (incumbent).

West Contra Costa Unified School District board, three seats. Karen Leong Fenton (incumbent), Ron Kamb, Ray Muhammad, Susan Prisco, Glen Price (incumbent) and Charles Ramsey (incumbent).

Ballot measures

ALBANY:

Paramedic tax: Increase \$30.84 tax for paramedic services to \$57.53, raising \$200,000 a year; requires two-thirds voter approval.

Infrastructure bond: Would fund \$14.5

million in infrastructure at a cost of \$95 per assessed property value; requires two-thirds voter approval.

Property transfer tax: \$8.50 per \$1,000 assessed value tax on property value, raising about \$11.50 per \$1,000 assessed value, raising about \$11.50 per \$1,000 assessed value; requires majority vote.

RICHMOND:

Measure J: Would increase percent to raise \$5 million the city general fund; requires two-thirds voter approval.

Measure K: Would move the date that newly elected officers take office; requires two-thirds voter approval.

Measure L: Would move elections from odd to even years; requires majority vote.

Please recycle this newspaper

Recycle

FROM PAGE A1

to do something they could do without traveling farther than their front curb?

Poachers unwelcome

"Because it's more than a recycling center," said Stan Levinson, who was loading mulch from a huge pile of free mulch into the back of his pickup. "It's become a natural community gathering place. It's what El Cerrito Plaza should have been, but isn't."

"Yeah," added Sally Menges, who was picking Tom Clancy novels off the bookshelves. "Berkeley has Barnes & Noble; we have the Recycling Center. There was a time when I'd have taken that as a put-down of El Cerrito, but now it's one of the things that makes me proud to live here."

The Recycling Center is run by Heather Abrams, Integrated Waste Services Manager for the city of El Cerrito.

She points out that the free mulch pile is another win-win proposition.

"The mulch comes from the tree trimming and landscaping in the city parks," she says. "Ordinarily, that plant debris would be considered an expensive waste disposal problem. But we just chip it into mulch and let the community recycle it into their own gardens. Everybody wins."

Situated on a quiet, wooded lot up the street from the Corporation Yard and the Chinese Christian Church, the Center tries hard to be a good neighbor. Staffers sweep the surrounding area every day; and the Center's voice mail asks callers not to leave stuff off at the front gate after hours.

In the public area, clean, well-marked bins ring the perimeter, each one for a different item: newspapers, magazines, cardboard, office paper, green glass, brown glass, clear glass, aluminum, scrap steel, copper and brass, plastic bottles #1, and plastic bottles #2.

There's also a collection box for used eyeglasses, which the Lions Club recycles to people in underprivileged countries, and a Goodwill trailer for donations to that organization. In the non-public area is stored what that stuff becomes after it's been through the enormous, 2-story baling machine: huge bales of cardboard, paper, plastic or metal, weighing up to 1,200 pounds apiece.

Every year, more than 4,000 tons of waste are recycled through the center, 71 percent of it paper. Since it takes an estimated 17 trees to make one ton of paper, that comes to 48,000 trees that don't have to die every year.

The Recycling Center is a happy shop, with low staff turnover. The staff enjoy the work and consider it important.

One of them is Ezekiel "E.Z." Martinez, whose job is to go

through the bins, picking out stuff that shouldn't be there. Sometimes it's just a case of the wrong item in the wrong bin, such as a tin can in the aluminum bin.

"They melt at different temperatures," he explained.

But then there the yucky moments when he discovers rotting food, used kitty litter, or worse.

"You'd be surprised what some people leave," he said. "We're a recycling center, not a garbage dump."

"That's something I worry about," Abrams added. "It's a health danger to our employees."

The only other thing that bothers her is that bane of all recycling programs: curbside poachers who steal the most valuable recyclables before the Recycling Center's trucks can get there.

Free mulch

It's not the occasional homeless person she minds. They've mostly been frightened away by organized crime rings, who know the pickup routes and schedules and cherry-pick the most valuable items in their own pickup trucks.

"We're asking people to have their recyclables on the curb for us by 8 a.m.," says Abrams, "but not the night before. If you spot anyone stealing recyclables, please try to get the license number and call the El Cerrito Police Dispatch Line (510-237-3233) right away."

"We get our funding from two sources," she adds. "The rate that's charged to every resident in their garbage bill, and the revenue we make selling recyclables. If our revenues go down, we have to make up the difference somewhere, which means the garbage rate goes up. So these people are stealing from every El Cerritoan."

Abrams has been in the recycling field ever since college, most recently in Walnut Creek. She's held her current position in El Cerrito for a year and a half, and it's been a dream job.

"El Cerrito is a great place to work," she says. "So many folks here are really committed to recycling. They make my job a pleasure."

And the feeling seems mutual. "The Recycling Center is one of the best thing about this town," says Owen and Celeste's grandma, Rosemary Loubal. "The only thing better is the people."

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Section B

Weekly Home Sales Maintain your focus on the East Bay real estate scene **[B6]**

Open Home Guide See what's on sale in your neighborhood **[B14]**

pace, charm, convenience



RED OAK REALTY

HOME AT 681 58TH ST. IN NORTH OAKLAND is in a long-established neighborhood, which is less expensive than surrounding Rockridge, Elmwood and Temescal. North Oakland has been steadily improving over the last 4 years. This classic, three-bedroom, two-bath home has a home office and a split level design offers a beautiful stone fireplace in the living room and a leaded glass built-in buffet in the large formal dining room. The home also has a big tiled kitchen, refinished wood floors, new decorator-selected interior and exterior paint, a landscaped garden. A must-see for buyers seeking charm, convenience, the home will be open this Sunday and Sunday Aug. 25 from 2 to 4 p.m. To learn more about this home, offered at \$459,000 call **Cindy Wilson** at Red Oak Realty, 510-280-2144 or visit redoakrealty.com.

The home at 681 58th St. in Oakland will be open this Sunday and Sunday Aug. 25 from 2 to 4 p.m. To learn more about this home, offered at \$459,000 call **Cindy Wilson** at Red Oak Realty, 510-280-2144 or visit redoakrealty.com.

100-year-old gem graces Oakland's Rose Garden neighborhood



RED OAK REALTY

Built in 1902, this home 558 Vernon St. in Oakland's Rose Garden District has been lovingly updated through the years. It was converted to a duplex many years ago. On the first floor is a spacious three-bedroom, one-bath unit with high ceilings, hardwood floors, original moldings and fixtures and pocket doors between the living and dining rooms. The unit opens up to a large sunny deck. Upstairs is a two-bedroom, one-bath unit with wood floors

and high ceilings. From the front bedroom is a glimpse of the Bay Bridge. Both units share a grand front entry hall with a stained-glass window. This house could become a single family home once again. Both units share a fully fenced tropical retreat with a newly installed hot tub with total privacy. There is also an awesome artist's studio with laundry facilities and a two car garage. This home is a "must see" for buyers wanting to buy together; a buyer who wants to

owner occupy one unit and rent the other, or for anyone looking for an investment property. The house is just a four-block walk to either Grand Avenue or Piedmont Avenue; it's just one block to the Rose Garden and close to the freeway. The house is listed with **Barbara Hendrickson** at Red Oak Realty for \$699,000. It will be open this Sunday and Sunday, Aug. 25 from 2 to 4 p.m. For more information call **Barbara** at 510-280-2140 or visit www.redoakrealty.com.

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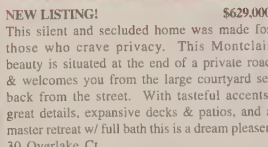


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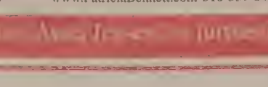
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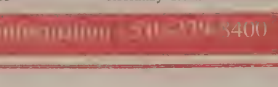
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California's median home price at record high

■ Median price rises 23.5 percent to \$319,650 in second quarter, sales increase 17.7 percent

CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS
The median price of an existing, single-family detached home in California hit a new record during the second quarter of 2002, rising 23.5 percent to \$319,650, the California Association of Realtors and Real Estate Solutions, a real estate information service, reported today. Closed escrow sales of existing, single-family detached homes in California amounted to 599,060 for the second quarter of 2002 at a seasonally adjusted annualized rate, a 17.7 percent increase from 509,180 in the second quarter of 2001.

C.A.R.'s Unsold Inventory Index for existing, single-family detached homes for the second quarter of 2002 was 2.1 months, compared to 3.6 months for the same period a year ago. The index indicates the number of months needed to deplete the supply of homes on the market at the current sales rate.

Thirty-year fixed mortgage interest rates averaged 6.82 percent during the second quarter of 2002, down from 7.13 percent in the second quarter of 2001, according to the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp. Adjustable mortgage interest rates averaged 4.80 percent in the second quarter of 2002, down from 5.93 percent in the second quarter of 2001.

The median number of days it took to sell a single-family home

was 25 days in the second quarter of 2002, compared to 26 days for the same period a year ago.

In a separate report covering more localized statistics generated by C.A.R. in conjunction with Real Estate Solutions' MetroScan software and information product, 92.7

percent of California cities and communities showed an increase in their respective median home prices for the second quarter of 2002 compared to the same period a year prior.

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ider, spiders everywhere

Number 368 from a series of true experiences about spiders. Boy, do I have spiders! I have at least one spider in my tub almost every day? I've got them. I do you have cobweb ones, gossamer web ones, hairy cobwebs? I do. I walk in your garden, and I see a spider back be-

not sure the red ones are spiders. I can't see well enough to do a leg count. Are there spiders you like? Which? Roundish black spiders, the ones with short legs, I don't like much. But the long-legged whitish ones that hang upside down are slow-moving and probably friendly. There is, in the garden, an occasional gorgeous yellow spider to admire. Better than tarantulas, one of which I saw at a young boy's house; he kept it as a pet, very



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them down. I rub the woolly gray fuzz into a ball now stuck to the broom bristles and discard it, then stretch the broom up over my head again to collect more. I usually do this on the spur of the moment when I don't want to take the time to get out the vacuum cleaner or to drape a cloth over the end of the broom, both of which work better to attract the webs. I suppose that the spiders (and there seem to be huge numbers in my house) begin again, probably immediately, to make new bridges to their next spot. It will take another month or so before I will disturb any of them.

I think most spiders are quite wonderful. My favorites, for looks, color and charm, are those tiny, very tiny, red ones, the spiders the size of a grain of sand. One darts across my book when I read in the garden, and I watch him, wonder if his path is as aimless as it appears.

also in the geraniums against the boxwood in like a fine shawl. you do about the spiders them, sweep them, vacuum? Sometimes I vacuum up webs and the spiders. I had bad though. When I find a spider on a book or valourously struggle a footing in the bathroom, I rescue him, lay a strip of paper as a lifeline, then the room while he escapes. My husband revered spiders. I cared that I'd found one, I'd found one and scoop up in his hands, cup the spider and walk him outside. I never do that. I'm afraid of them. I don't want them to be on my skin. Most spiders are quite tiny. My favorites, for looks and charm, are those tiny, very tiny, red ones, the spiders the size of a grain of sand. One darts across my book when I read in the garden, and I watch him, wonder if his path is as aimless as it appears. Actually, I'm

Spider control class tomorrow

Rental Housing Association of Northern California presents a "Spider Control Class." Topics covered include newly required landlord responsibilities and liability for a wrongful eviction. The class is 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., tomorrow. Seating is limited to 50 students. Pre-registration is a must. Call 510-893-9873 or e-mail spider@rha.net.

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To learn about the process attend the "1031 Exchange Interactive Workshop", from noon to 2 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 22. This free workshop is at The Business Centre, on Grand Avenue in Oakland. Lloyd W. Kendall Jr. is the instructor.

Lloyd Kendall is a tax attorney. Before entering private practice, he was employed by the U.S. Treasury Department, Internal Revenue Service for over six years. In 1978, he entered private practice, specializing in tax and real estate law. He is the founder and president of Lawyers Asset Management, Inc. (LAMI). Kendall is the author of 1031 Exchange

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event is held from 12 to 2 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 17. For a free treat coupon call 510-728-3515. **Home Buying Answers Class** The Government offers grants to homebuyers. Wonder if you might qualify? Learn the answers to many home buying questions at "The Home Buying Answers Class" This free class is from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 24. Senior Loan Consultant **Margie Lupo** of Vintage Mortgage conducts the class. To pre-register, call the "An-

swers Class" hotline at 888-629-0077 ext. 8610. **Furniture And Flowers** The Building Education Center in Berkeley provides ongoing classes, lectures and events for the experienced and those new to remodeling and renovation. There are evening classes on weekdays and daytime classes on the weekends. Monday through Friday, August 26 through 30 brings "Furniture Making", a hands-on workshop con-

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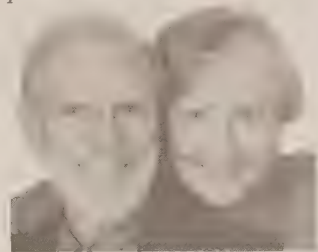
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Talk about 1031 Exchanges and you're sure to hear **Lloyd Kendall's** name mentioned. Kendall has been structuring these like-kind real estate exchanges for twenty years. He also educates members of the real estate community on this topic. Lawyers Asset Management invites industry partners to help Kendall celebrate his 20 years in the business at a reception in his honor. The reception will be held on Friday, Aug. 23, at the Oakland Museum of California. Your reservation is requested at 510-992-5626.

STRIKE OR SPARE

Don't miss out on this just for fun event. The Alameda Association of Realtors is planning a bowling tournament. Mark your calendar

for Tuesday, August 20. The tourney is sponsored by the AAR Affiliate Committee. For more information contact Remy Boyd at 510-523-7229

ARPB NEW LOCATION

"The Dynamic Networking Breakfast" presented by the Associated Real Property Brokers is from 8 to 10 a.m., Wednesday, August 21. The new location is Jimmie's Entertainment Complex on San Pablo, in Oakland. Realtors are invited to bring marketing flyers. For directions call **Tyrone Cooley** of Fidelity National Title at 510-893-8100

WCR'S ALL-STARS

The Women's Council of Realtors East Bay Chapter monthly meeting date is today. A panel of "All-Star Realtors" will be there to share success

secrets. The location is the Ark at Pier 29 on 29th Avenue in Oakland (at the foot of the Park Street Bridge). For reservations call WCR President, **George Johnson** of Ameristar Financial at 925-314-8314.

OAR BREAKFAST IMPROVES MEMORY

Oakland Realtors are invited to join Oakland affiliates at the monthly Tour Day Breakfast. The breakfast is at 8:45, on Thursday, Aug. 24, at the OAR Building. Bring marketing flyers and an appetite. Discover the advantages of a powerful memory with a trainer from the Memory Training Institute. You'll never forget this meeting again. For questions and parking information call **Ingrid Westgard** of North American Title at 510-339-2380 or **Aidee**

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Investors, escrow officers and real estate professionals are invited to attend a free 1031 Exchange Interactive Workshop. The workshop is from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 22, at The Business Centre, in Oakland. It is presented by Lawyers Asset Management and hosted by **Monique Washington** of Cherry Creek Mortgage. The featured speaker is Tax Attorney **Lloyd W. Kendall, Jr.** If you wish to make a reservation call at 510-452-8280

The California Association of Residential Lenders is planning their annual lending Expo, "United We Stand 2002". The Expo is at the San Ramon Marriott on Thursday, Sep-

tember 12. Sponsors are still needed. For booth and ticket information call Catherine Hays at 510-421-0070.

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LOWEST PRICE: \$237,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$1,268,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$534,438

ALBANY

TOTAL SALES: 4
LOWEST PRICE: \$215,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$552,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$410,750

BERKELEY

TOTAL SALES: 21
LOWEST PRICE: \$202,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$2,050,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$536,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$617,333

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TOTAL SALES: 4
LOWEST PRICE: \$318,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$626,500
AVERAGE PRICE: \$506,625

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LOWEST PRICE: \$270,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$339,500
MEDIAN PRICE: \$270,500
AVERAGE PRICE: \$333,333

EMERYVILLE

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LOWEST PRICE: \$210,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$440,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$301,250

KENSINGTON

TOTAL SALES: 3
LOWEST PRICE: \$482,000

HIGHEST PRICE: \$690,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$625,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$599,000

OAKLAND

TOTAL SALES: 88
LOWEST PRICE: \$175,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$1,150,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$445,403

PIEDMONT

TOTAL SALES: 5
LOWEST PRICE: \$835,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$1,850,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$918,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$1,114,600

RICHMOND

TOTAL SALES: 28
LOWEST PRICE: \$125,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$550,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$285,357

TOTAL SALES: 25
LOWEST PRICE: \$230,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$550,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$355,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$369,480

SAN LORENZO

TOTAL SALES: 8
LOWEST PRICE: \$265,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$590,500
AVERAGE PRICE: \$374,063

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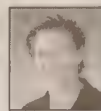
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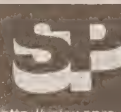
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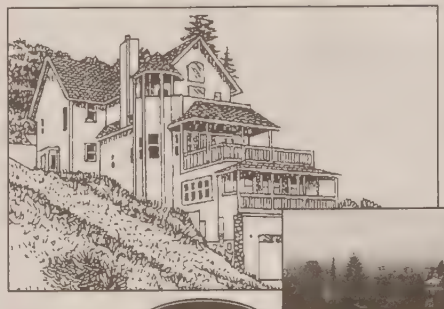
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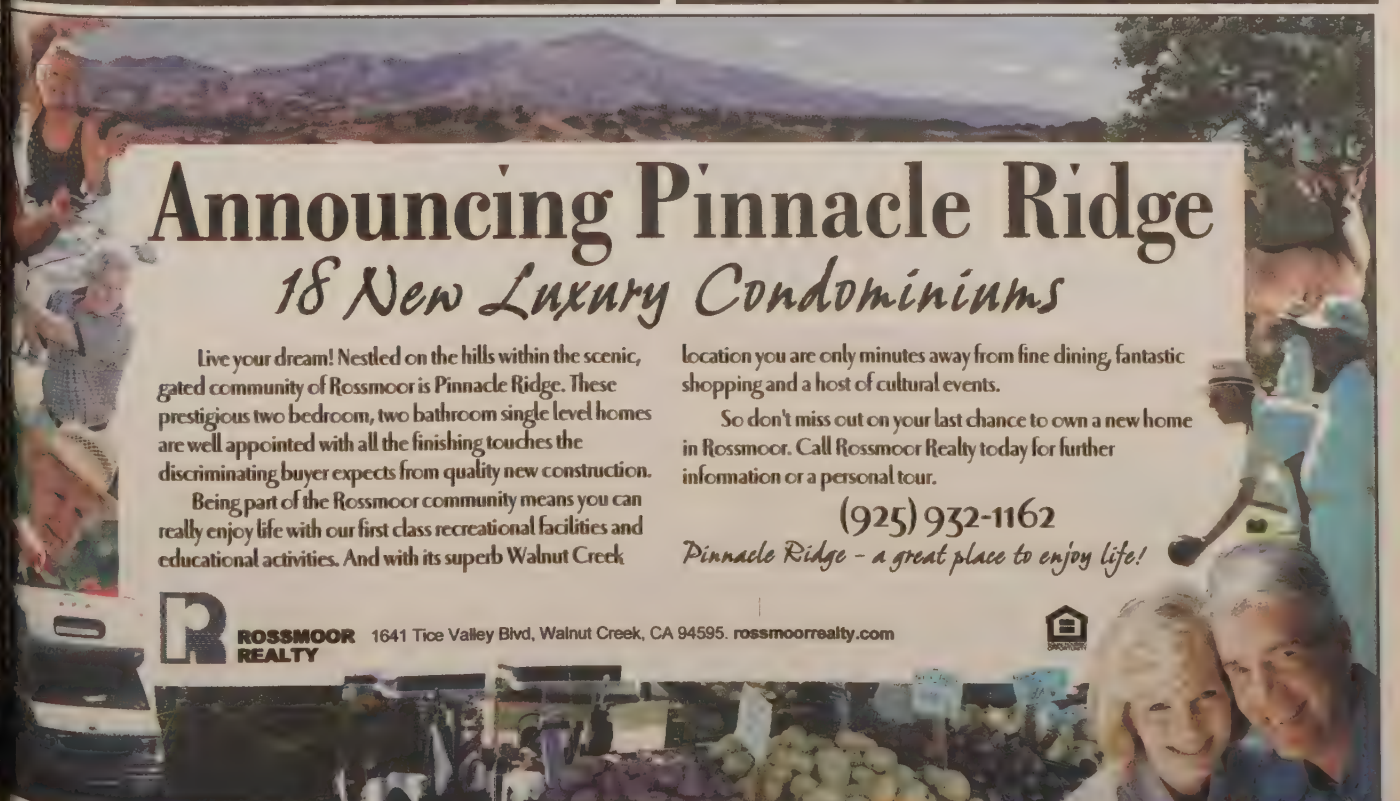
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A Superior Mortgage 800-591-4446 DRE#1242793 Fees = \$3829	30-yr Fixed 6.125 ... 0.000 6.310 ... 30	30-yr Fxd Jumbo 6.375 ... 0.000 6.560 ... 30	15-yr Fixed 5.500 ... 0.000 5.680 ... 30	5/1 ARM Jumbo 5.125 ... 0.000 5.310 ... 30	Open Weekends Credit Problems OK "Apply online" www.superior-mtg.net
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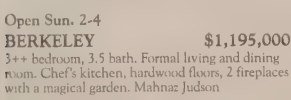
OAKLAND \$425,000
Redwood Heights, charming 2 bed, 1 bath home with a detached studio. Lush gardens, hardwood floors, fireplace, and garage. Private wooded setting with a level lot. Sarah Schuler



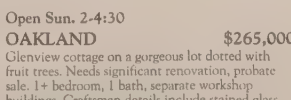
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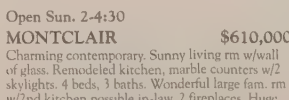
OAKLAND \$475,000
Charming! 3 bedroom, 1 bath w/hardwood floors Bright and light. Moving details. Private sunny backyard. Bernard Magara.



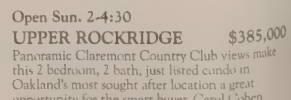
BERKELEY \$1,195,000
3+ bedroom, 3.5 bath. Formal living and dining room. Chef's kitchen, hardwood floors, 2 fireplaces with a magical garden. Mahnaz Judson



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Glenview cottage on a gorgeous lot dotted with fruit trees. Needs significant renovation, probate sale. 1+ bedroom, 1 bath, separate workshop buildings. Craftsman details include stained glass bookcase doors. Jody Dwokzak



MONTCLAIR \$610,000
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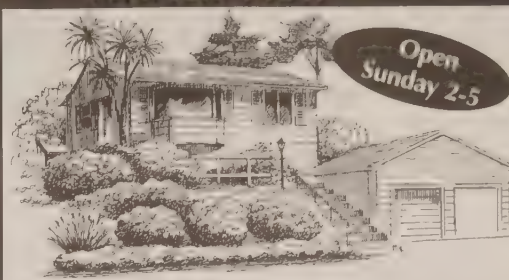
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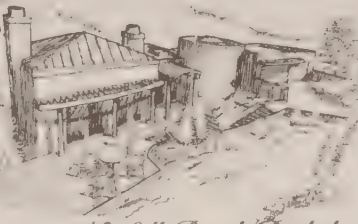
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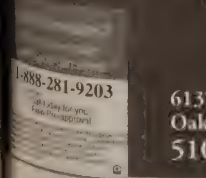
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SUN 2 - 3:30 3216 BURDECK.

3BR 3BA Fabulous view, gorgeous yard, large office w/built-ins, 2 fireplaces, near shops, & freeways, all on curved driveway.

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3BR 2BA Spacious, great floor plan, large office/rumpus, eat-in kitchen, formal dining, beautiful yard w/fruit trees & veggies.

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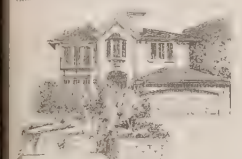
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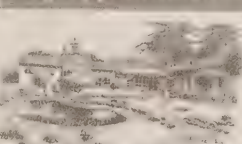
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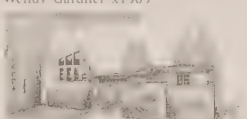
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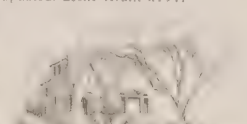


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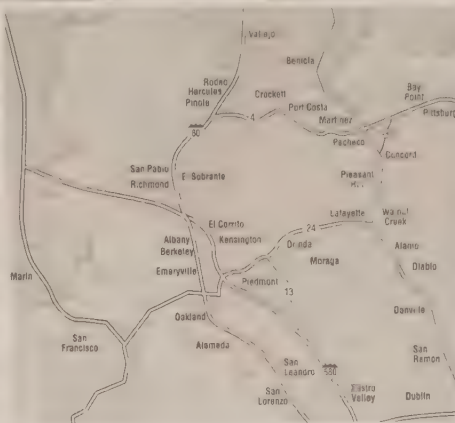
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Clearly, the above scenarios are ridiculous, certainly in the context of professional sports. But it doesn't always work the same way in amateur sports. It's especially true in amateur athletics.

Take the case of the California Youth Soccer Association. The CYSA-North has a rule requiring players to register in leagues closest to their homes. A transfer to another league requires much red tape, a player going from Team A to Team B must obtain signatures from coaches of both A and B as well as those of the president of each league. If a player hopes to move to another district, he must obtain signatures from both district commissioners, too.

Sign a parole for all con-



MIKE MCGREEHAN
Between the Lines

cerned, for sure.

Of the 55 state associations nationwide, only the CYSA-North — the nation's largest — does not have open borders.

Well, it does now.

Last weekend, the U.S. Soccer Federation — the national governing body for all levels of soccer — held its annual general meeting in San Francisco. It was there that U.S. Soccer and the U.S. Youth Soccer Association turned thumbs down on the CYSA-North's antiquated closed-borders policies.

"People ask why we have the biggest organization but so few national championships," says Oakland resident Bob Morris, a longtime fixture in youth soccer circles. "In other state organizations, the best kids gravitate to the best clubs — or the club that best suits them. I think that's good for soccer."

Morris, a former Bay Oaks Soccer Club commissioner and past recreation chairman for

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Training run turns into victory

By Phil Jensen
TIMES STAFF WRITER

Berkeley resident Magdalena Lewy approached the Chronicle Marathon in San Francisco on Tuesday as a training run. But her competitive nature was still alive and well.

Deep inside, I was hoping to win even though it was my training run," said the 29-year-old Cal State athlete.

Lewy's competitive fire shined brightly, as she was the first woman to finish in the field of approximately 5,800 runners with a clocking of 2 hours, 50 minutes and 11 seconds.

I was just trying to run past the clock and make sure I was pretty close to the pace I supposed to run," Lewy said. The finish was very exciting. I did see the tape from 400 meters and I was going for it. It happened."

The only disappointing aspect of the race for Lewy was when she mistakenly followed an errand by the official bicyclist who guides the women's leader. Lewy figured it out cut three minutes off her time, but the second-place woman, Carolyn Dolores, ran the entire course in 3:06:36, meaning Lewy had to have won the race anyway. Lewy knew something was wrong as she noticed she clocked a mile-and-a-half split



MAGDALENA LEWY of Berkeley won last month's Chronicle Marathon in S.F.

time between miles three and five.

"I felt really bad. I would never want to win that way," Lewy said. "I was really excited (after the race) and then when I heard the news, I was pretty disappointed that something like that happened."

But it couldn't dim what Lewy had accomplished, especially since she was coming back from an injury suffered in June when she tore a muscle in her ribs. An example of Lewy's toughness is that she ran the 10,000 meters in the USA Track and Field Championships with the injury and finished fifth in a time of 32:59.69.

Lewy qualified for the U.S.

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NCS to use computer ratings to aid seeding

System will be used for team sports, starting with the upcoming school year.

By Bill Kolb
STAFF WRITER

The most important thing that schools should realize about the computer ranking system is that it's not the beginning in the 2002-03 school year. It's not the end of the championship Series.

We're going to be using computer ratings as a tool at our district meetings for determining large bids and seedings," said commissioner Tom Ehrhorn

said. "It's not the be-all and end-all. It's just one of the factors."

Everything else will remain essentially the same. A three-person panel of representatives from the NCS and member schools still will be empowered to make the ultimate decisions as to inclusion and seedings. That panel will continue to base its decisions on things like overall record, nonleague record, head-to-head matchups, etc.

So, unlike the much-maligned BCS, whereby the top two teams in the computer ranking system are entered automatically into the national championship game, the NCS will retain a human factor.

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MEMBERS of the Schuylkill Dragons of Philadelphia push their boat into dock just before the U.S. Dragon Boat Federation National Championships

Dragon boats invade Lake Merritt

■ Ancient Chinese sport comes to the Bay Area for U.S. championships

By Mike McGreehan
STAFF WRITER

Soccer, rugby and cricket trace their roots to England. Baseball, an offshoot of cricket, began here in the United States. Today, all these sports enjoy popularity in many parts of the world.

Many sports, indeed, have grown well beyond their places of origin. China has given us various forms of martial arts, for instance. Another sport of Chinese origin gaining popularity is dragon boat racing.

This past weekend, lovers of this burgeoning sport had plenty to celebrate when the U.S. Dragon Boat Federation National Championships and sixth annual California International Dragon Boat Festival came to Lake Merritt and the Oakland Estuary, respectively.

Surely, the U.S. national championships, which took place Thursday and Friday on Lake Merritt, were serious business. Teams came to Oakland from across the United States in hope of earning a berth in next year's world championships in Shanghai, China.

Though only one Bay Area boat — the San Francisco Dragons, second in the masters open class — earned a ticket to Shanghai, the event was an enjoyable experience for all.

"People from 13 to 70 can participate," said Shirley Gee, founder and president of the Oakland-based International Dragon Boat Association, the host club for this year's nationals. "It's just all walks of life, from the CEO all the way down to the janitor."

Dragon boating originated in China some 2,400 years ago. Today, it has spread to other parts of the world — North America, Australia, New Zealand, Singapore and the Philippines, just to name a few places. Currently, the sport enjoys perhaps its most rapid growth in Europe. Dragon



A DRAGON BOAT, top photo, gets into position for a race during the U.S. Dragon Boat Federation National Championships. In bottom photo, members of the San Francisco Dragons keep cool before their race begins.

boat racing was a demonstration sport in the 1996 and 2000 Summer Olympics, and the sport's proponents envision it someday earning full-medal status.

"It's user-friendly," Gee said, referring to the sport's relative simplicity. "You can be on the water four times (and be able to gain a reasonable level of proficiency). Seventy percent of our kids can't get into other sports either because they're not big enough, not athletic enough, or not strong enough. But dragon boat racing is very forgiving. This is one of those sports where you go out together and come in together."

For those of us living in this country, dragon boat racing is relatively "new." But it has made huge inroads, a slice of Chinese culture flourishing in the mass culture.

Dragon boat racing's acceptance by the mainstream clearly was evident at Lake Merritt, as most of the paddlers, drummers and stirrers were not Chinese-American.

"It's very cross-cultural, extremely diverse," Gee said.

"Some people like to do it because it's fun, and a lot of the top teams like to do it because it is

a competitive sport," added Rufina Wong, the meet's race director. "A lot of people do it because you have to be very physically fit to compete."

Dragon boat racing isn't merely a sport of fitness, however. Folks who excel at this endeavor also must have a good sense of rhythm. Not only must the drummer maintain a steady beat, the 20 paddlers must work together to follow that beat.

In the most literal sense, then, dragon boat racing is a team sport.

Before a race, some teams practiced their synchronization on the dock. For the most part, that same precise timing was seen on the water, too.

"Boom...boom...boom," was the sound heard throughout the competition. Like clockwork, the paddlers hit and left the water at precisely the same time, as they moved in unison with each beat of the drum. And in spite of aching arms and the heat that baked the Bay Area last week, the paddlers persevered.

Teams from Philadelphia had the best of it by taking first place in five of seven categories.

"That's the point, the team synergy," Gee said. "There's no hot-dogging, there are no superstars. Once they get (the rhythm), the whole team can feel that surging. Once you get it, you can feel the boat skimming over the water."

In the future, dragon boat racing promises to offer the same exhilaration for an increasing number of competitors.

"It hasn't had the type of publicity that rowing has enjoyed because rowing has a longer history in the United States," Wong said. "But worldwide, it's a growing sport."

Surely, those who competed last weekend don't make a living off dragon boat racing. But as in other parts of the world, the number of serious paddlers continues to increase.

Yes, dragon boat racing is a fast-growing, exciting sport.

Berkeley Dragons look to improve performance

■ Team hopes funding can lead to better things after it struggles to keep pace at the competitive Dragon Boat Festival

By Scott Strain
STAFF WRITER

OAKLAND — While there was fun in the sun (and there was lots of sun) at the Sixth Annual California International Dragon Boat Festival held last weekend at Jack London Square, there was an underlying current of competition.

Intense competition. The boats entered competed in an average of six races over the two-day event, and there were periods of tremendous physical exertion interspersed with long periods of waiting. It took an average of three minutes to transverse the 500-meter course and the rowers — young,



THE BERKELEY DRAGONS hope to become more competitive by taking their program year-round.

old and in between — came out of the chute wet, tired and clutching their precious paddles.

The Berkeley Dragons paddled hard and paddled fast but didn't get much satisfaction in actual competition, as they were eliminated midway through Sunday's races.

And Berkeley, like the other city boats, wanted to take its act

year-round. And, unlike other cities around the Bay, Berkeley has its own boat and its own berth (at the Berkeley Marina). Now it just needs some sponsors.

"The California Dragon Boat Association has put a boat down in the marina," said Phyllis Alvarez, a city employee and team coordinator. "They put it down there to encourage more East

Bay people, not so much for them to join the Berkeley team, (but) to come down and use the boat and form teams."

If the Berkeley Dragons organization can get some funding for other races and get a consistent pool of paddlers, there is every indication that it could be one of the stronger city-sponsored teams in the area.

Alvarez has big plans for the Dragons.

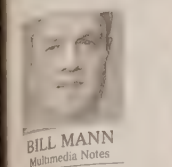
"Our team and other teams will start using (the boat) when we can pay membership dues," she said. "We can practice two to three times a week on and off year-round. In the weeks before the race, we can practice three times a week and get our timing and stamina up."

"We need to build stamina and strength a bit more."

The Berkeley boat did tend to fade in the stretch after strong starts.

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Arts



BILL MANN
Multimedia Notes

True radio pro leaves KCBS

IT'D ALWAYS been meaning to meet Jerry Wilcox. I've admired his work for more than 30 years. But now I probably won't get the chance. The East Bay lost a real news pro when Wilcox, a 27-year KCBS veteran, retired the other day from that all-news station. In typical Wilcox style, there was a little fanfare. In fact, some of his hands have told me they didn't even know he was leaving. For covering a beat — in this case, the entire East Bay, a whole ballgame — Wilcox had (if any) peers. If there was a fire in East Oakland, a shooting in Berkeley, a protest in Richmond, an election in Alamo, or an important City Council meeting inameda, Wilcox was usually never called attention to himself, a rarity in today's self-promoting radio. (Listen to weathergirl Roberta Gonzalez turn it up on KCBS some — if you can stand it). Wilcox almost always be at the scene, even before assignment desk called. "I says admiral/KCBS," says admirer/KCBS, "Mike Pechner." He was the consummate reporter. In his brief, typically low-key interview with me, Wilcox, who did the weekend anchoring in recent years, said, "If you work radio, KCBS is where you want to be." Wilcox was asked his "favorite" story, but, typically non-boastful, he talked instead about what he called his "best" story, the Oakland fire. Wilcox was superb in coverage of the fire. While KGO's station-seeking Bernie Ward was running around the Oakland hills and sounding hysterical, Wilcox was coolly reporting the facts as the terrible fire raged. Wilcox's tenure goes back to pre-digital days when the station used type-writers. There are only a handful of these old pros left at all — KCBS, and each time one leaves (like Wilcox), the production suffers. Wilcox's wife has accepted a job as CEO of a hospital in Arizona, and the couple is gone. I can only imagine that Wilcox is going to a police scanner there right about now, getting itchy to grab his reporter's notebook. Thanks for 27 great years of late East Bay newsgathering, Jerry. We'll miss you and your businesslike approach to reporting the news. I wish I'd had the chance to say that in person. **ANOTHER PRO LEAVES:** Another guy I'd like to meet: KGO general manager Joe Ahern, who's switching networks and heading off to Chicago to run troubled CBS affiliate WGN-TV. Ahern kept the station's list of pedestrian news stories at 5 and 6 p.m. at the ratings. But he did something for which we owe him a debt of gratitude: Ahern, leaving Disney after 10 years with that company (part in Europe), was the guy who finally stepped up to the plate and bounced preternaturally unpleasant anchors Teri-Ann and Pete Giddings from the anchor desk. I'd call it a lasting legacy for local viewers. **THANKS, JOE:** **THE DOCTOR IS ON —** **DR. DEAN EDELL'S CASE:** I got a call out of listening to KGO's Dr. Dean Edell bash his base in his nationally syndicated radio show. Dr. Edell was asked why a county has such a high insurance rate, and Edell explained that it's difficult to determine scientifically. The reason it's tricky, he said, is because so few Marin doctors were born there. "How many people have you seen who were actually born in Marin?"



TWO LOVE STORIES IN ONE: "Possession" features a fine cast, including, at left, Jennifer Ehle and Jeremy Northam. At right is the other side of the romantic coin, Aaron Eckhart and Gwyneth Paltrow.



Double the pleasure, double the fun

By Mary F. Pols
TIMES STAFF WRITER

Aside from "My Big Fat Greek Wedding," the summer has been nearly devoid of romantic offerings. But now, just as the season draws to a close, along comes the clever, crowd-pleasing "Possession," a movie double-dipped in romance.

Adapted from the Booker Prize-winning novel by A.S. Byatt, "Possession" features dual love affairs, one contemporary, one Victorian. In juxtaposing the two affairs, Byatt played with the theme of passion, both limited in different ways by their own era. Interlaced with an intellectual exploration of 19th-century poetry, Byatt's novel is a challenging read, filled with long literary pas-

REVIEW

WHAT: "Possession"

STARRING: Gwyneth Paltrow, Aaron Eckhart, Jennifer Ehle, Jeremy Northam

RATING: PG-13 (sexuality and some thematic elements)

RUNNING TIME: 1 hour, 43 minutes

WHERE: Opens today at area theaters

GRADE: B+

sages pleasing mostly to those with scholarly leanings. The movie version, directed by Neil LaBute, an American best known for his scathing studies of human nature, keeps the literary exposi-

tion to a brisk enjoyable pace and focuses more on the romance.

The tart and witty screenplay, written by LaBute, David Henry Hwang ("M. Butterfly") and Laura Jones, takes minor liberties with Byatt's story. The central character of Roland Michell has been changed to an American, and the script is littered with jokes about how the English feel about Americans and vice versa. Byatt purists might be bothered by this, but it's a neat trick, defusing some of the potential negative energy from having an American director take on such a thoroughly English project. The other advantage is that we get to see LaBute's college pal and regular collaborator, the chameleonlike Aaron Eckhart, take on the challenge of a ro-

mantic lead as Roland.

Roland works as a little-appreciated researcher for Professor Blackadder, the world's foremost authority on a Victorian poet named Randolph Henry Ash (Jeremy Northam), best known for his series of steamy love poems. It's always been assumed that Ash wrote the poems for his wife — that is, until Roland discovers a pair of unmet, unfinished love letters Ash wrote that suggest otherwise. Eager to make his mark in the literary world, Roland sets out to unravel the mystery.

His quest takes him to Maud (Gwyneth Paltrow), a contemporary scholar, an ice queen dressed in exquisitely simple

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'Inspector' calls on Point Richmond

J. B. PRIESTLEY'S classic "An Inspector Calls" opens next Friday, Aug. 23, for a weekend run through Sept. 28 at the Masquers Playhouse, 105 Park Place, Point Richmond. Okay, British mystery fans, time to match your wits with Inspector Goole as he calls on the respectable Birling family to see what the members know about the suicide of a young girl.

The category of "mystery" is not a good fit for this durable piece of theater. Nor is the customary addition of "thriller" quite appropriate. It has measures of both, but not in the sense of the ordinary whodunit. At its core, this is a psychological probe of the strange twists that take place in human beings when their consciences are involved.

Inspector Goole calls on the close-knit and friendly Birlings as they are celebrating the engagement of their daughter, Sheila. But by the time the interrogations have ended, good humor has turned to acid, good fellowship to dislike.

To give away more would spoil the unfolding of this play before audiences at the Masquers Playhouse and shatter the impact of the final twist.

"An Inspector Calls" is directed by Carlene Collier Coury. The cast includes Arthur Atlas, George Doerr, Joseph Hirsch, Onagh Kavanagh, Jennifer Rastegar, Don Riblett, Walter E. Phelps and Susan Warwick.

Curtain times are 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, and 2:30 p.m. Sundays Sept. 8, 15 and 22. Tickets are \$12. Call 510-232-4031.

TIME WARP AT A. C. T.: To paraphrase a familiar line: "Backward, turn backward, O Time, in your flight/Make me a gladiator just for tonight!"

The often-quoted opening lines of poet Elizabeth Akers Allen's "Rock Me to Sleep" (1860), substituting "gladiator" for "child" in the original, makes an apt introduction to a world premiere opening Aug. 24.

The A.C.T. Young Conservatory New Plays Program in collaboration with London's Royal National Theatre Youth Programs is presenting 12 performances of "Dust" by Sarah Daniels. Dominique Lozano is directing the new play at the Zeum Theatre, Howard and Fourth Streets, in Yerba Buena Gardens, San Francisco.

Boasting the largest cast ever featured in a Young Conservatory production, the play



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has 25 student actors ranging in age from 13 to 19, representing 16 communities throughout the Bay Area.

In "Dust," a lonely American teenager named Flavia is taking the London Underground — BART's British granddaddy — to catch a production of "Julius Caesar" with a group of snobby schoolmates who have frozen her out of their clique. A bomb goes off. Suddenly Flavia, played by Adde Bigelow of San Francisco, is transported to ancient London.

Given the scarcity of London's West End theaters in those days, a favorite spectator activity was catching a gladiator fight at the local arena. And that's where Flavia finds herself — not in the seats, but doing battle in the middle of the arena.

Tickets are \$15 general; \$12 for A. C. T. subscribers, and \$10 for seniors, students and full-time teachers with valid ID. Call 415-749-2228.

Two shows mentioned earlier in previews are worthy of another look as both close stellar runs next weekend.

A NEXT WOMAN SPY: "Mata Hari," Central Works' riveting close-up of Margaretha Zelle, executed by the French as a spy in World War I, is an impassioned, incandescent revelation of inner forces at work in a complex woman too often, and too unsuitably, in love.

Jan Zvaifler manages the duality of the challenging title role, ever so slyly letting the femininity of a courtesan soften the steely hauteur of a spy like the lacy edge of a petticoat peeking from beneath the elegant severity of a formal skirt.

Louis Parnell, John Patrick Moore and Jeff Wincek complete the tight and precise cast as French officers in this circle of intrigue and boudoir espionage in the age before spying became electronic.

While dramatic, the accuse-and-respond method of telling Mata Hari's story is also repetitious. Judicious pruning would help.

Written and directed by Gary Graves, the original work plays in an arena setting at the



JAN ZVAIFLER stars as the spy who loved many in Central Works' ongoing original production, "Mata Hari."

Berkeley City Club, 2315 Durant Ave. It is produced in association with Women in Time.

"Mata Hari" plays at 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays with earlier performances at 5 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. Tickets are \$8-\$18 sliding scale. The early Saturday show is pay-what-you-can. Call 510-558-1381.

WITH A CHERRY ON TOP: Alameda Civic Light Opera closes its spectacular production of "The King and I" on Sunday, Aug. 25. And about the time you think you've exhausted the thesaurus for variations on such words as "stunning," "stylish" and "stuff of dreams," along comes the company — offstage in this case — and plops a cherry on top of the sundae. Literally!

The huge cast will host an after-show ice cream social this Sunday following the 2 p.m. matinee. That should put the opening of the festivities at about 5:30 p.m. at Tucker's Super Creamed Ice Cream parlor.

Tucker's (no relation) is located at 1349 Park St., Alameda.

For \$5 you can join the fun, mingle with the cast members, listen to the songs featured in this astonishingly rich production and — a fanfare, if you please — indulge in a make-your-own Tucker sundae.

If you haven't yet seen "The King and I," it plays two more weekends, this one and next, for six dazzling performances at the Kofman Auditorium, 2200 Central Ave. Tickets are \$22 general; \$18 for seniors, and \$14 for students 18 and under. A special \$10 student ticket is offered for Friday performances.

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EVENTS

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Zeiss Telescopes," ongoing. This traveling exhibit displays telescopes and other stargazing equipment from the noted German manufacturer. Also included is Chabot's Zeiss Universarium Starball in the Planetarium.

"Lunar Lander," ongoing. Try landing a lunar exploration module safely on the Moon using an exact copy of one portion of the Apollo Spacecraft that landed on the Moon's surface.

"Spaceflight Gallery," ongoing. A traveling exhibit that offers visitors a chance to discover the connections between human exploration, scientific endeavor, and the historical accomplishments of space flights through both simulated and real features.

"Our Place in the Universe," ongoing. A walking tour of the universe using 3-D technologies and featuring the Hologlobe, on permanent loan from the Smithsonian Institution.

"Planetary Landscapes. Sculpting the Solar System," ongoing. Wander through a room of swirling atmospheres, bubbling calderas, and a sea of clouds in this exhibit of interactive sculptures by artist Ned Kahn.

Astronomy in California 1850-1950: Observations, Telescope Makers and their Instruments," ongoing. Explore California's astronomical history through a display of telescopes, artifacts, and the histories of their makers, on loan from the Smithsonian Institution.

"The Origin and Meaning of Meteorites," ongoing. A mural by artists Joy Day and B.E. Johnson, accompanied by a case of meteorite samples.

"Shadow Dance: Make An Eclipse," ongoing. Create different types of solar and lunar eclipses, activate sensors on the exhibit floor, and learn about eclipse myths, rituals and celebrations found in many world cultures. This multimedia exhibit changes with each visit.

"Touch the Sun," ongoing. Watch solar movies, explore the nature of light, learn about the mythology surrounding the sun, and about real-time solar energy usage from the Science Center's solar panels.

"Solar-B: See the Sun in a New Light," ongoing. Learn about the sometimes temperamental behavior of the sun and the effects it has on earth through the Solar-B mission.

WEEKEND SPOTLIGHT — "Rockets, Rockets, Rockets!" through Sept. 2, 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Investigate rockets and how they work while making and launching simple rockets as an introduction to the science of rocketry. Drop-in workshops include pop rockets, paper airplanes, compressor rockets and water rockets. In the Chemistry/Physics Lab, Envirogarden and the Amphitheater. Daily, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

CHALLENGER LEARNING CENTER COMMUNITY MISSIONS — Second Saturday, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. For adults and youths age 11 and up. Experience real-time simulated space missions as sophisticated technology puts you in Mission Control. The mission is to locate Comet Halley, build and launch a probe into the tail of the comet, and continue research studies on board the space station. Limited space so reservations required. \$15. 510-336-7355.

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"Where in the Universe is Carmen San Diego?" This show combines astronomy, live theater, a quiz show and music by the Rockepete. Carmen has escaped prison and is traveling the sky at warp speed. The audience must follow clues, answer questions and solve puzzles in order to locate Carmen's whereabouts. Through Aug. 29: Tuesday through Sunday, 2 p.m.

"Wonders of the Milky Way," ongoing. This tour of the Milky Way Galaxy, beginning with its formation billions of years ago, surveys the wonders discovered by modern astronomy.

"Explorers of Mauna Kea," through Aug. 31. Hear about the legends of this 14,000-foot high extinct volcano, learn about the telescopes on the summit and how they work, and explore the cosmos with astronomy's leading scientists.

NOW PLAYING

Below are capsule reviews of movies playing at area theaters. The reviewers are Pat Craig and Mary F. Pols. Times: Robert W. Butler, Knight Rider Newspapers, Glenn Lovell, San Jose Mercury News, Anthony Breznican, David Germain, Christy Lemire, Tim Molloy, Sheila Norman-Culp, Malcolm Ritter and Matt Wolf, Associated Press; Jan Stuart, Newsday; Stephen Holden, Dave Kehr, Elvis Mitchell, A.O. Scott and Lawrence Van Gelder, New York Times; Valerie Kulkenski, Fred Shuster, Bob Strauss and Glenn Whipple, Los Angeles Daily News; Kevin Thomas and Kenneth Turan, Los Angeles Times; Gary Dowell, Tom Maustad, Chris Vognar and Philip Whitout, Dallas Morning News; Robert Philpot, Fort Worth Star-Telegram; and Roger Moore, Orlando Sentinel.

"ATANARJUAT": In ancient Inuit communities, there were no policemen, no FBI agents and no government officials. If trouble came to an Arctic village, the community had no choice but to cope with the "evildoers" on its own. This Canadian movie (translates to "The Fast Runner") is based on an Inuit legend about two brothers, the Fast Runner and the Strong One, who are marked for death by the forces of evil, and must grapple with the consequences to their community. Marks the first chance we've had to see a movie filmed with Inuit actors, entirely in the spectacular Arctic. But the movie, at nearly three rather uneventful hours, is in need of a trim. — M. Pols. (NR: includes a scene of lovemaking and several of violence; nudity) 2 hours, 52 minutes. B

"AUSTIN POWERS IN GOLDMEMBER": The third installment in the ongoing saga of Austin Powers, superspy, is

a heartily amusing, crude night at the movies, either more or less entertaining than either of its two predecessors. There are reams of celebrity cameos in this one, involving Very Big Stars. Try not to find out who they are beforehand, you'll have more fun that way. Michael Caine makes a fitting Daddy Austin, Mini-Me is just the same in time around, the jokes are just as crass and not always funny, but — what a blessing — Austin Powers doesn't drink Fat Bastard's poop. And at the end of round three, we have to concede that Mike Myers, unrecognizable in his latest guise as Dutch villain Goldmember, is indeed a comic genius. — M. Pols. (PG-13: sexual innuendo, crude humor and language) 1 hour, 20 minutes. B

"BLOOD WORK": Terry McCabe (Clint Eastwood) is a retired FBI profiler with an heart transplant who's lured back into action to find the serial killer who murdered his donor. Wanda De Jesus plays the grieving sibling of the murder victim. McCabe agrees to try to find the miscreant, over the strenuous objections of his doctor (Anjelica Huston). An old-fashioned low-tech guy who relies on pay phones rather than the wireless cell, McCabe must enlist his neighbor (Jeff Daniels) to chauffeur him around Southern California haunts. The movie has witty repartee and maintains a brisk pace, but will moviegoers snicker at 72-year-old Eastwood's bedroom activity with the beautiful, much younger De Jesus? — P. Wurtch. (R: violence, language, sexuality) 1 hour, 50 minutes. B-

"THE BOURNE IDENTITY": Director Doug Liman ("Swingers," "Go") revitalizes the thriller genre with this brisk adaptation of Robert Ludlum's novel

about a spy with amnesia. Matt Damon makes a very fine Jason Bourne, conveying both his strengths (martial arts, ruthless planning, excellent language skills) and his weaknesses (disorientation, desperation about his future, and a soft spot for kids that no spy should ever have). "Run Lola Run" star Franka Potente plays his love interest, and the chemistry between the two of them seems genuine. The script is intelligent, the story engaging and there's never a dull moment. Hallelujah! — M. Pols. (PG-13: violence and some language.) 2 hours, 1 minute. A-

"THE COUNTRY BEARS": The historic County Bear Hall, former home to the popular County Bears band that broke up a decade ago, is on the verge of being torn down by an evil banker (Christopher Walken). Meanwhile, a furry "boy" named Beary, raised in a human household, wonders why he feels so different and sets out to find the musical icons with whom he identifies. Days before the wrecking ball is to arrive, Beary and head bear Henry get the old tour bus out of mothballs to round up other group members for a concert to save the hall. The growing group is pursued by a pair of yokel police officers (Daryl "Chill" Mitchell and Diedrich Bader) who believe the musicians have kidnapped Beary. — V. Kulkenski. (G) 1 hour, 28 minutes. B

"THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE RING": A soulful, passionate giant of a movie, one that will live long past 2001. New Zealand director Peter Jackson's ("Heavenly Creatures") adaptation of the first third of J.R.R. Tolkien's epic "Lord of the Rings" enraptures you with its dramatic storytelling and visuals and leaves you rejoicing that there are film-

makers out there who have the guts to make a movie destined for vast commercial success that's also intelligent and ferociously heartfelt. Terrifying when it should be, moving when it should be, this holds true to Tolkien's vision. One of the best movies of the year. — M. Pols. (PG-13: epic battle sequences and scary images.) 2 hours, 58 minutes. A

"FULL FRONTAL": A ghastly, self-referential, stunningly amateur effort from Oscar-winning director Steven Soderbergh, shot mostly on digital video. A group of acquaintances stumble around L.A., awaiting the 40th birthday party of Gus (David Duchovny), producer of a piece of self-important trash called "Rendezvous," which most of the characters are either in, have written or have somehow inspired. "Full Frontal" purports to be about connections between people, but since most of the people it features are either dreary or despicable self-involved types, it would be better put to use as a promotional video for the joys of solitude. — M. Pols. (R: language and some sexual content.) 1 hour, 47 minutes. D

"ITALIAN FOR BEGINNERS": Strangest of surprises, the latest offering from Dogma 95, the Danish film movement more known for being disturbing than for being cheery, introduces the concept of love and happiness to the movement. Six lonely people take Italian lessons one winter in Copenhagen and begin, tentatively, to gravitate toward each other. Not a traditional chick flick, though, it's got its fair share of depressing elements, such as death, addiction, fetal alcohol syndrome and sexual dysfunction, buried within the froth of love and comedy. — M. Pols. (R: language and some sexuality.) 1 hour, 39 minutes. A-

"K-19: THE WIDOWMAKER": The gloomiest movie of the summer, a worthy but ponderous submarine flick that might as well be called "Das Drizzly Boat." Based on a real-life Cold War incident in which a Russian nuclear sub faced a catastrophic meltdown just off the East Coast during the summer of 1961. Featuring Harrison Ford, intermittently assuming a Russian accent, and at his glummiest ever as the captain of the ill-fated vessel. Since Ford at his glummiest exudes more misery than a pharmacy full of people waiting for an overdue Prozac shipment, that's a hard cross for any audience to bear. And oh, this is a long movie. — M. Pols. (PG-13: disturbing images) 2 hours, 18 minutes. C+

"THE KID STAYS IN THE PICTURE": "Documentary" isn't exactly the right term to describe this bubbly new film about famed Hollywood producer Robert Evans. It's more of a visual book-on-tape, spooling out Evans' rise and fall in a series of archival photos, snippets of interviews and some deliberately hokey, droll visual effects, all set to Evans' nasal, nostalgic narrative. Even if you initially could give a hoot about Evans' legendary career (he went from movie star to big-time producer, backing 1970s classics such as "The Godfather") or his cocaine-addicted crash to Earth, there's something so winning about him, and director Brett

Morgen and Nanette Burstein's fussy approach to storytelling, that you end up captivated. — M. Pols. (R: language and some brief violent and sexual images.) 1 hour, 33 minutes. A-

"LILLO & STITCH": With so many 3-D offerings, this latest Disney release is here to remind audiences of the pure pleasures of flatness. It's happy/cool/weird in ways only a cartoon can be. Underneath all that cartoon craziness, however, some real emotions flash. Lilo (Daveigh Chase) is a young Hawaiian girl feeling disconnected since she and her older sister, Nani (Tia Carrere), lost their parents. Stitch, the feckish creation of an evil alien scientist, has escaped to Earth, but the pursuit is on. Lilo adopts Stitch as an ugly little creature no one else would want, and the love and friendship that blooms between them teaches them both important lessons about life. — T. Maustad. (PG: mild action.) 1 hour, 25 minutes. B

"LOVELY & AMAZING": Writer/director Nicole Holofcener's slender follow-up to "Walking and Talking" is biting, bitter and filled with zingy dialogue and telling moments. The plot isn't much, just the travails of a family of modern-day women trying to make their way in image-conscious Los Angeles. Catherine Keener shines as the despicably self-involved Michelle, while her co-stars Emily Mortimer and Brenda Blethyn, playing her actress sister and silly, vain mom respectively, do a fine job as well. Unfortunately, the most interesting subplot, involving the family's adopted 8-year-old African-American daughter (the astoundingly natural Raven Goodwin), gets short shrift in favor of chick-issue territory already thoroughly covered by Bridget Jones. — M. Pols. (R: language, nudity.) 1 hour, 31 minutes. B

"MARTIN LAWRENCE LIVE: RUNTLEDAT": The trailers for this concert film suggest that the comedian bares his soul about the personal difficulties he's had since the enormously successful "You So Crazy" in 1994. That's not exactly what happens, so if you're looking for the dirty details, look elsewhere. If you're looking for dirty talk, however, you've come to the right place. Despite displaying a softer side, Lawrence still has a potty mouth. And while a barrage of four- and 12-letter words is requisite in this setting, he uses them so much that they almost become a distraction. — C. Lemire. (R: strong crude sexual dialogue and pervasive language.) 1 hour, 44 minutes. C+

"ME WITHOUT YOU": Takes a painfully truthful look at often confusing nature of intense friendships between young women. Marina (Anna Friel) is lively and bold, just the opposite of her bookish neighbor, Holly (Michelle Williams). We follow them over the course of nearly 20 years, as Marina proves herself less and less worthy of Holly's friendship. That's the weak point in this otherwise nice little film; we're ready for Holly to give her the heave-ho freshman year in college. Williams, whom you might recognize from TV's "Dawson's Creek," is very good as Holly, and her ro-

manche with Marina's (Friel Milburn) is oddly comical. — M. Pols. (R: language, sexual content and drug use.) 1 hour, 41 minutes. B

"MEN IN BLACK II": Will Sonnenfeld has tackled the surprise 1997 blockbuster "Black" much like a veteran determined not to leave any stone unturned. As is the case with the first, it's a stuffed with action, less; but there are some scenes that prove to be goddamn good, mess, but do you really want to see Lee Jones and Will Smith delight, the pace is brisk and intriguing, the villain (Lance Reddick) is suitably amusing, and there's a nifty comic moment in seeing seeing again — M. Pols. (PG: action violence and some humor.) 1 hour, 28 minutes. B

"MINORITY REPORT": A movie, but plenty of it. Now Tom Cruise (2004, who relies on the "pre-cogs" to stop the things they happen. He gets caught when one of the "pre-cogs" (ton) fingers him as a killer. With Colin Farrell as a Justice duke sent to crime department. Story by sci-fi writer Philip K. Dick, such a strong view of Brother oppression. But most of futuristic darkness beats out of director Steven Spielberg and optimism. The plot is but this is a festival of cool gets to its sun bleached. — M. Pols. (PG-13: language, some sexual content.) 2 hours, 25 minutes. A

"MONSOON WEDDING": A panned and witty comedy and drama from director Nicole Holofcener ("Mississippi Masala"). One of futuristic darkness beats out of director Steven Spielberg and optimism. The plot is but this is a festival of cool gets to its sun bleached. — M. Pols. (PG-13: language, some sexual content.) 2 hours, 25 minutes. A

FRIDAY MOVIE LISTINGS

Titles and showtimes subject to change. Call theaters for information

* Wheelchair accessible
Showtimes for Friday August 16

Alameda County
2128 Center Street, Berkeley 510-843-3456
• **The Fast Runner (Atanarjuat)** (Not Rated) 12:15, 3:45, 7:30
• **The Good Girl (R)** 12:30, 2:45, 5, 7:15, 9:30

Albany Twin
1115 Solano Ave., Albany 510-843-3456
• **Lovely & Amazing (R)** 12, 2:30, 4:45, 7:15, 9:40
• **Tadpole (PG-13)** 12:15, 2, 4, 6, 8, 10

California Theatre
2113 Kirtland St., Berkeley 510-843-3456
• **Austin Powers in Goldmember (PG-13)** 12:45, 3, 5:30, 7:45, 10
• **Blue Crush (PG-13)** 12:30, 2:50, 5:10, 7:30, 9:50
• **Monsoon Wedding (R)** 1, 3:30, 6:45, 9:20

Chabot Cinema
2853 Castro Valley Blvd., Castro Valley 510-582-2565
• **Signs (PG-13)** 1, 4, 7, 9:15

Chabot Space & Science Center
10000 Skyline Blvd., Oakland 510-336-7300
• **The Living Sea (Not Rated)** 11:30, 1:30, 3:30, 5:30
• **Mysteries of Egypt (Not Rated)** 12:30, 2:30, 5
• **To Be an Astronaut (Not Rated)** 10:30

Elmwood 3
2966 College Ave., Berkeley 510-649-0530
• **About a Boy (PG-13)** 2:35, 7
• **Italian for Beginners (R)** 12:45, 5, 9:15
• **The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring (PG-13)** 12:30, 4
• **Notorious C.H.O. (Not Rated)** 7:30, 9:30
• **Spider-Man (PG-13)** 12:15, 4:45, 9:05
• **Ziggy Stardust and the Spiders from Mars (PG)** 3, 7:10

Fine Arts Cinema
2451 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley 510-848-1143
• **Theater will reopen Aug. 22nd.**

Renaissance Grand Lake
3200 Grand Avenue, Oakland 510-452-3556
• **Austin Powers in Goldmember (PG-13)** 11:45, 2:15, 4:45, 7:15, 9:45
• **Blood Work (R)** 12:10, 2:30, 5, 7:30, 10
• **Lilo & Stitch (PG)** 12
• **Road to Perdition (R)** 1:45, 4:15, 6:45, 9:15
• **Signs (PG-13)** 11:30, 2, 4:30, 7, 9:30

Jack London Cinema
100 Washington, Oakland 510-433-1320
• **The Adventures of Pluto Nash (PG-13)** 11:35, 2, 4:30, 7:10, 9:35
• **Austin Powers in Goldmember (PG-13)** 11:30, 2:05, 4:40, 7:20, 9:45
• **Blue Crush (PG-13)** 11:50, 2:25, 5, 7:35, 10:10
• **Martin Lawrence Live: Runtledat (R)** 11:40, 2:15, 4:50, 7:30, 10:05
• **Possession (PG-13)** 12, 2:35, 5:10, 7:50, 10:25

Renaissance Oaks Theatre
1875 Solano Avenue, Berkeley 510-526-1836
• **Read My Lips (Not Rated)** 7:15, 9:30
• **Road to Perdition (R)** 7, 9:15

Parkway Theater
1834 Park Blvd., Oakland 510-814-2400
• **About a Boy (PG-13)** 7
• **The Bourne Identity (PG-13)** 9:30
• **Men in Black II (PG-13)** 9:45
• **Minority Report (PG-13)** 6:30

Piedmont Theatre
4186 Piedmont Ave., Oakland 510-843-3456
• **The Good Girl (R)** 12:30, 2:50, 5:20, 7:30, 9:50
• **My Big Fat Greek Wedding (PG)** 1:40, 4:15, 6:45, 9:15
• **Tadpole (PG-13)** 1:15, 3:15, 5:10, 7, 9

Shattuck Cinemas
2230 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley 510-843-3456
• **24 Hour Party People (R)** 1:45, 4:20, 7:10, 9:50
• **Blood Work (R)** 1:15, 4, 6:45, 9:15
• **Full Frontal (R)** 2, 4:30, 6:55, 9:40
• **Happy Times (PG)** 1:40, 4:10, 6:40, 9:10
• **The Kid Stays in the Picture (R)** 12:40, 2:50, 5:05, 7:15, 9:30
• **My Big Fat Greek Wedding (PG)** 2:10, 4:25, 6:35, 8:55
• **Rivers and Tides (NR)** 12:35, 2:40, 4:45, 6:50, 9
• **What to Do in Case of Fire? (R)** 12:25, 2:45, 5:10, 7:30, 9:55
• **XXX (PG-13)** 12:30, 1:30, 3:15, 4:15, 6, 7, 8:45, 9:45

United Artists Berkeley
2274 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley 510-843-1487
• **The Adventures of Pluto Nash (PG-13)** 12:10, 2:40, 5, 7:35, 10:05
• **The Bourne Identity (PG-13)** 12:45, 4:45, 7:20, 10
• **Evans etc. (Not Rated)** 12:30, 3, 5:20, 7:30, 9:55
• **Minority Report (PG-13)** 3:30, 7, 10:15
• **Possession (PG-13)** 12:05, 2:50, 5:35, 8:10, 10:45
• **Signs (PG-13)** 12, 2:45, 5:30, 8:15, 10:50
• **Spy Kids 2: The Island of Lost Dreams (PG)** 12:20, 2:55, 5:25, 7:45, 10:15
• **Stuart Little 2 (PG)** 12:15

United Artists Emery Bay 10
6330 Christie, Emeryville 510-420-0107
• **The Adventures of Pluto Nash (PG-13)** 11:45, 2, 5, 7:30, 10:30, 12:30
• **Austin Powers in Goldmember (PG-13)** 11:30, 2, 4:45, 7:30, 10
• **Blood Work (R)** 11:40, 2, 5, 7:45, 10:15
• **Blue Crush (PG-13)** 11, 1:45, 4:30, 7:15, 10, 12:30
• **Martin Lawrence Live: Runtledat (R)** 11, 1:30, 4:15, 7, 9:45, 12:30
• **Road to Perdition (R)** 11:15, 2, 4:45, 7:40, 10:30
• **Signs (PG-13)** 11:15, 1:45, 4:20, 7, 10, 12:30
• **Spy Kids 2: The Island of Lost Dreams (PG)** 11:30, 2:15, 5, 7:40, 10:10
• **XXX (PG-13)** 11, 1:10, 1:50, 4:10, 4:50, 7:10, 7:50, 10:10, 10:45, 12:35

United Artists Hayward 6*
24800 Haspenan, Hayward 510-786-3000
• **Austin Powers in Goldmember (PG-13)** 12, 2:10, 4:30, 7, 9:50
• **Blue Crush (PG-13)** 11:45, 2:15, 4:50, 7:30, 10
• **Martin Lawrence Live: Runtledat (R)** 12:10, 2:30, 5, 7:30, 10
• **The Master of Disguise (PG)** 12:45, 3, 5:10, 7:20, 9:30
• **Signs (PG-13)** 11:50, 2:15, 4:45, 7:15, 9:45
• **Spy Kids 2: The Island of Lost Dreams (PG)** 12:05, 2:20, 4:40, 7:10, 9:40

Central Contra Costa
Renaissance Orinda Theatre
4 Orinda Theatre Sq., Orinda 925-254-9060
• **Blood Work (R)** 1:15, 3:45, 6:30, 9
• **Possession (PG-13)** 1, 4, 7, 9:30
• **Signs (PG-13)** 1:30, 4:30, 7:15, 9:45

Renaissance Park Theatre
3519 Golden Gate Way, Lafayette 925-283-7997
• **My Big Fat Greek Wedding (PG)** 7, 9:15

Rheem Theatre
350 Park St., Moraga 925-988-3411
• **Austin Powers in Goldmember (PG-13)** 12:40, 2:50, 5, 7:30, 9:30
• **Road to Perdition (R)** 1:15, 4:15, 7:10, 9:40
• **Spy Kids 2: The Island of Lost Dreams (PG)** 12:30, 2:40, 4:45, 7:20, 9:20
• **XXX (PG-13)** 1, 4, 7, 9:35

West Contra Costa
Century 16 Hilltop
3200 Kluge Way, Richmond 510-758-2345
• **The Adventures of Pluto Nash (PG-13)** 11:10, 12:05, 1:35, 2:30, 3:55, 4:50, 7:10, 9:30
• **Austin Powers in Goldmember (PG-13)** 12:25, 2:55, 5:10, 7:35, 9:50
• **Blood Work (R)** 11:15, 1:50, 4:35, 7:05, 7:40, 9:40, 10:25
• **Blue Crush (PG-13)** 11:05, 12, 1:45, 2:45, 4:15, 5:15, 7, 7:45, 9:35, 10:15
• **Martin Lawrence Live: Runtledat (R)** 11:20, 1:55, 4:20, 6:40, 9:15
• **The Master of Disguise (PG)** 11:45, 1:55, 4:30, 7:15
• **Men in Black II (PG-13)** 9:25
• **Road to Perdition (R)** 1:25, 4:20, 7:05, 10
• **Signs (PG-13)** 11:35, 2:15, 4:45, 6:50, 7:20, 9:20, 10:10
• **Spy Kids 2: The Island of Lost Dreams (PG)** 11:25, 12:10, 12:45, 1:45, 2:35, 3:05, 4:05, 4:55, 5:25, 7:55, 10:20
• **XXX (PG-13)** 11, 11:55, 12:40, 2, 2:40, 3:45, 5, 5:45, 6:30, 7:10, 7:50, 8:45, 9:30, 10, 10:35

San Francisco
AMC Van Ness 14
1000 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco 415-922-4262
• **The Adventures of Pluto Nash (PG-13)** 1:45, 4:15, 6:45, 9:10, 11:30
• **Austin Powers in Goldmember (PG-13)** 1:30, 2:30, 4, 5, 6:30, 7:30, 9, 10, 11:30
• **Blood Work (R)** 1:35, 4:05, 7:35, 10:25
• **Blue Crush (PG-13)** 2, 4:30, 7, 9:20, 11:45
• **The Bourne Identity (PG-13)** 1:15, 7:30, 10:30
• **Martin Lawrence Live: Runtledat (R)** 1:15, 3:45, 6:15, 8:45, 11:15
• **Minority Report (PG-13)** 4:15
• **Road to Perdition (R)** 1:20, 4:20, 7:20, 10:20
• **Signs (PG-13)** 1, 2:45, 3:45, 5:30, 7, 8, 9:45, 11

Spy Kids 2: The Island of Lost Dreams (PG) 1, 3:30, 7, 9:30
• **Star Wars: Episode II - Attack of the Clones (PG)** 1:05, 4:10, 7:20, 10:20
• **XXX (PG-13)** 1:15, 2, 4:15, 5, 7:15, 8:15, 10:15, 11:15

AMC Kabuki 8
1881 Post Street, San Francisco 415-931-9600
• **The Adventures of Pluto Nash (PG-13)** 1:20, 4:10, 7, 9:35
• **Austin Powers in Goldmember (PG-13)** 2, 5, 7:45, 10:05
• **Blood Work (R)** 2:20, 5:20, 8:05, 10:45
• **Blue Crush (PG-13)** 1:50, 4:50, 7:35, 10:15
• **Possession (PG-13)** 2:10, 5:10, 7:55, 10:35
• **Road to Perdition (R)** 1:30, 4:35, 7:25, 10:10
• **Spy Kids 2: The Island of Lost Dreams (PG)** 1:40, 4:30, 7:10, 9:45
• **XXX (PG-13)** 1:10, 4:20, 7:20, 10:25

Bridge Theatre
3010 Geary Blvd., San Francisco 415-362-0818
• **Y Tu Mamá Tambien (Not Rated)** 2:15, 4:45, 7:15, 9:45

Castro Theatre
429 Castro St., San Francisco 415-621-6120
• **Pepe le Moko (Not Rated)** 7, 9:10

Clay Theatre
2261 Fillmore Street, San Francisco 415-352-0810
• **My Wife is an Actress (R)** 2:20, 4:40, 7, 9:20

Embarcadero Center Cinema
1 Embarcadero Center, San Francisco 415-352-0810
• **24 Hour Party People (R)** 1, 4:30, 7:10, 9:45
• **The Good Girl (R)** 12:15, 12:45, 2:30, 3, 4:45, 5:15, 7, 7:45, 9:15, 10
• **The Kid Stays in the Picture (R)** 12, 2:15, 4:30, 7:20, 9:40
• **Tadpole (PG-13)** 1:10, 3:10, 5:10, 7:15, 9:10

Lumiere Theatre
1572 California St., San Francisco 415-352-0810
• **13 Conversations About One Thing (R)** 2, 7
• **Sex and Lucia (Not Rated)** 4:15, 9:30
• **What to Do in Case of Fire? (R)** 12:30, 2:45, 5, 7:20, 9:45
• **Ziggy Stardust and the Spiders from Mars (PG)** 12:45, 3, 5:20, 7:45, 10

Opera Plaza Cinema
601 Van Ness Blvd., San Francisco 415-352-0810
• **Lovely & Amazing (R)** 12:15, 1:30, 4, 4:45, 7, 7:45, 9:15, 9:50
• **Monsoon Wedding (R)** 1, 4:10, 6:50, 9:30
• **Notorious C.H.O. (Not Rated)** 1:20, 4:20, 7:20, 9:40

The Red Vic Theatre
1727 Haight, San Francisco 415-668-3994
• **Spider-Man (PG-13)** 7, 9:30

The Roxie Theatre
3117 18th St., San Francisco 415-863-1087
• **Much Ado About Something (Not Rated)** 8, 10
• **Rivers and Tides (Not Rated)** 6

Loews Theatres Metreon
101 Fourth St., San Francisco 415-369-6200
• **The Adventures of Pluto Nash (PG-13)** 11:50, 2:20, 5, 7:40, 10:10
• **Austin Powers in Goldmember (PG-13)** 11:15, 12:10, 1:35, 2:50, 4:15, 5:10, 7:05, 7:50, 10:30
• **Blood Work (R)** 12:20, 3, 5:40, 8:20, 11:10
• **Blue Crush (PG-13)** 11:20, 1:50, 4:40, 7:30, 10:20
• **Martin Lawrence Live: Runtledat (R)** 12:50, 3:40, 6:30, 9:20
• **The Master of Disguise (PG)** 12, 2:30, 4:25
• **Minority Report (PG-13)** 10:05
• **My Big Fat Greek Wedding (PG)** 11:40, 2:10, 4:50, 7:20, 10
• **Possession (PG-13)** 11:10, 1:40, 4:20, 7, 9:40
• **Road to Perdition (R)** 11:45, 2:40, 5:20, 8, 10:50
• **Signs (PG-13)** 11, 1:30, 2:05, 4:10, 4:45, 6:50, 7:35, 9:30, 10:40
• **Spy Kids 2: The Island of Lost Dreams (PG)** 11:30, 2, 4:30, 7:10, 9:50
• **XXX (PG-13)** 11:05, 11:55, 12:40, 1:55, 4, 5:15, 6:40, 7:15, 8:30, 9:45, 10:15, 11:30

Loews Imax Theatre
101 Fourth Street, San Francisco 415-369-6200
• **Everest (Not Rated)** 1, 4:10
• **Mysteries of Egypt (Not Rated)** 12, 2:10, 3:10
• **Signs (PG-13)** 5:30, 8:10
• **XXX (PG-13)** 11

United Artists Galaxy
1285 Sutter St., San Francisco 415-774-8700
• **Evans etc. (Not Rated)** 12, 2:20, 7:15, 9:30
• **My Big Fat Greek Wedding (PG)** 11:45, 2, 7, 9:45
• **Possession (PG-13)** 12, 2:1

Events

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Wonders of the World — A journey through the wonders of the earth's motion and the sun. Prominent constellations and seasons are featured. "Wonders of the World" is ongoing. A look at the stars, constellations, and the Andromeda Galaxy, and the Milky Way. Friday and Saturday, 7 p.m.

HOME SCIENCE THEATER — Home-screen auditorium. Subject to change. **CALL FOR CURRENT SHOW SCHEDULE.** "The Great Escape" is ongoing. The film celebrates the beauty, power and importance of the ocean. Produced in association with The National Maritime Museum, the Ocean Film Network and the Robert Ballard.

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"VEAL Young Explorers Area," ongoing. LHS has a space just for young kids and preschoolers, with a puppet theater, blocks and structures to build and books to read.

"Gravity Wall," ongoing. Create your own vertical math by inserting plastic cards into a slotted wall and then drop a ball from the top to the bottom.

"Math Around the World," ongoing. Enjoy math with a multicultural perspective. **ONGOING PROGRAMS** — Free after museum admission. Computer Lab, ongoing. A chance for children to explore age-appropriate software and the Internet. For children ages 5 and above; children under age 10 accompanied by an adult. Saturday, 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Biological Discovery Lab. In the renovated Biology Lab visitors may hold and observe gentle animals. Saturday, Sunday and holidays. 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. **HOLI PLANETARIUM** — Programs are recommended for age 8 and up, children under age 6 will not be admitted. \$2 in addition to regular museum admission. Saturday, Sunday and holidays.

"Journey to the Moon." Take an imaginary trip to the moon and learn about its changing shapes. For ages 4 and up. "Saving the Night." Not too many years ago, people living in the heart of cities could look up and see thousands of stars in the night sky. Today, light pollution is everywhere and there are only a few places left where the night sky may be seen in all its glory. Learn how to help "save the night sky."

"Constellations Tonight." Using a simple star map, learn to identify the most prominent constellations for the season in the planetarium sky. For ages 8 and up. **SPECIAL EVENT** — "Straw Bale Construction," Aug. 18, 1 p.m. A demonstration of straw bale construction and a slide show featuring examples of straw bale construction projects.

"Animal Architects," Aug. 21, noon. Take a closer look at how animal architects construct their homes to suit their needs and their environments. \$7 general; \$5 seniors, students, disabled, and youths ages 7 to 18; \$3 children age 3 to 5, free children age 2 and younger. Daily, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Centennial Drive, University of California, Berkeley. 510-642-5132 or www.lhs.berkeley.edu.

BERKELEY PUBLIC LIBRARY — CENTRAL LIBRARY — "Tour for Blind and Low Vision Patrons," Aug. 17, 10:30 a.m. An orientation and an hour-long tour of the new Central Library building specifically for blind and low vision patrons. 2090 Kittredge St. 510-649-3964. Berkeley. 510-644-6100 or www.infople.com/bpl.

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THE STARRY PLOUGH — "The Berkeley Poetry Slam," Wednesdays, 8:30 p.m. Poets should arrive at 7:30 p.m. to sign up. The first Wednesday of the month is "Chicken Grasse!" hosted by Nazeljah Jamison and Karen Ladson with spinning by DJ Funklori; all other Wednesdays are "The Berkeley Slam!" hosted by Charles Elik and dani euryome with music by Three Blind Mice. For ages 21 and over after 10 p.m.

\$5, 3101 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 510-435-1665.

DUNSMUIR HOUSE AND GARDENS — through Sept. 25. Nestled in the Oakland hills, the 40-acre Dunsmuir House and Gardens estate includes the 37-room Neoclassical Revival Dunsmuir Mansion, built by coal and lumber baron Alexander Dunsmuir for his bride. Restored outbuildings set amid landscaped gardens surround the mansion.

Tours of the Mansion, Wednesday, 11 a.m. to noon. Docents will lead visitors on a guided tour of the 37 room mansion and the estate's historic landscaping. Wear low-heeled shoes; no high heels allowed in the mansion. \$5 general; \$4 seniors. For children age 13 and under.

"Family Sundays," through Sept. 1, noon to 3 p.m. Enjoy G-rated entertainment, including puppetry, magic, music and dancing. Afternoon programs include: descent tours of the Dunsmuir Mansion and self-guided garden tours. \$5 general; \$4 seniors and children ages 14 and up; free children ages 13 and under. 2960 Peralta Oaks Court, Oakland. 510-615-5555.

ALAMEDA COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS — Goodguys K&N Filters 16th West Coast Nationals, Aug. 23 through Aug. 25. Thousands of rods, customs and classics, a swap meet, cars for sale, children's activities, a Friday Night Hot Rod Bash with dancing and live music.

\$15 general; \$6 children ages 7 to 12; \$5 parking. Friday and Saturday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sunday, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. 4501 Pleasanton Ave., Pleasanton. 925-426-7559 or www.AlamedaCountyFair.com.

RINGLING BROS. AND BARNUM AND BAILEY CIRCUS — through Aug. 18. "The Great Show On Earth," featuring David Lantier, Sara the Tiger Whisperer and L.T. the Gorilla Guy. \$10.75 to \$50. Oakland Arena. Hegenberger Road and Interstate 880, Oakland. 510-762-2277 or www.ticketmaster.com or www.ringling.com.

BERKELEY ARTS FESTIVAL — West Berkeley Arts Walking Tour, Aug. 18, 1 p.m. A stroll from the Ecology Center, through Eighth Street Studios/Sawtooth Building with visits to the studios of Allison Antelman through to Blues' Bar and Rhythm and Blues Museum.

Free. Meet at Ecology Center, 2530 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley. 510-665-9496.

DESTINATION TELEGRAPH — Telegraph-A Street Fair, Aug. 25, noon to 5 p.m. Featuring live music, street artists, community booths, ethnic food, arts and crafts, and a beer and wine garden.

Free. Durant Avenue between Telegraph Avenue and Bowditch Street, Berkeley. 510-649-9500 or www.heternet.net/event.htm.

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Submissions to the Community Calendar must be received Thursdays one week prior to publication. Listings are on a space-available basis.

Children

Stage Door Conservatory presents Children's Theater performance in "Once Upon a Mattress," a hilarious jazy retelling of "The Princess and the Pea," at 7:30 p.m. Aug. 9, and at 2 p.m. Aug. 10 and 11. Tickets are \$8-\$12. The production takes place at the Julia Morgan Theater, 2640 College Ave. For details, call 510-527-5939 or visit the Web site at www.stage-doorconservatory.org.

The Albany Library continues its "Open Mike and Featured Poet" series on the first Thursday of each month. The next event features poet Katherine Hastings, 7 to 9 p.m. Aug. 1, in the Edith Stone Room. A poetry writing workshop led by Alison Seavak is on Wednesdays. The next workshop is from 7 to 9 p.m. Aug. 7. Both events are free and open to all ages. Light refreshments will be served. The library is located at 1247 Mann Ave. Details: 526-3720, ext. 19.

The Albany Library, 1247 Mann Ave., offers "tea bag folding," as part of its free drop-in crafts program for ages 5 to adults. The drop-in crafts program takes place from 2 to 4 p.m. Aug. 10, in the Edith Stone Room. For more information, call Julie Winkelstein at 526-3720, ext. 19.

Berkeley Public Library's North Branch Teen Playreaders perform an abridged version of Eleanor Coerr's book, "Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes," from 3 to 5 p.m. Aug. 6, at 1170 The Alameda. The performance commemorates the bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. After the performance, the Playreaders and audience will work together folding 1,000 paper cranes to send to Hiroshima to hang at Sadako's Statue at Hiroshima Peace Park. Seated for ages 5 and up, older persons are especially welcomed. For questions and accessibility information, call 981-6095.

The East Bay School for Girls will move to St. John's Presbyterian Church and Center at 2727 College Ave., in Berkeley. This new location is at the corner of Forest, two blocks north of Ashby, and will provide expanded classroom and outdoor play space for the growing number of EBSG students. The move will take place over the summer vacation. School opens in late August for the 2002-2003 academic year on the new campus. Details: 842-4444.

Teen Support Group meets twice a month Tuesday evenings at the Women's Cancer Resource Center, 3023 Shattuck Ave. The free group is for teens who have a parent or caregiver with cancer. The meeting is co-facilitated by a teen whose mother had breast cancer. Details: 531-7551.

Check out books from the Berkeley Richmond Jewish Community Center Library. Spend quality time with your kids, meet with the children's librarian, research your Jewish roots or check out best sellers. The library is located at 1414 Walnut St. Hours: 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Thursday; 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays. For more information, call 848-0237.

Hall of Health, 2230 Shattuck Ave., a health exhibit museum of Children's Hospital Oakland, presents free puppet shows, 1:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. The Kids on the Block, the award-winning educational puppet troupe, features puppets with such conditions as cerebral palsy, blindness and Down syndrome. The Hall of Health is a hands-on community, health-education museum and science center sponsored by Children's Hospital.

Oakland and Alta Bates Medical Center. Hours: Tuesday to Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is free. For more information, call 549-9682.

El Cerrito offers special programs for children from 22 months to 5 years of age. These programs are designed to offer parents an opportunity to leave their pre-school children in a safe atmosphere under qualified supervision. The program for ages 22 months to 3-1/2 years meets Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to noon. Registration is continuous as long as space is available. Located at 7007 Mooser Lane. For details, call Judie, 215-4371.

LGBTQ Parent and Prospective Parent groups meet the first Saturday of the month 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. with concurrent child care. All groups meet at the Pacific Center at 2712 Telegraph Ave. in Berkeley. Donations are requested, but not required. Details: Anna at familyprogram@yahoo.com or 415-789-8560 classes.

The Ann Martin Children's Center offers eight "Support Groups For Mothers," sessions for first time mothers and babies their babies under 5 months. Experienced facilitator. For information, 524-0821.

Charcot Marie Tooth support group meets Saturdays bi-monthly at West Berkeley Library, 1125 University Ave. from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. CMT is a neuro-pathic disorder. Details: 524-3506.

YWCA Health and Community Education; drop in classes in dance, fitness, yoga, martial arts and more; University YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way, 848-6370; \$8 - \$10.

Chochmat HaLev, an Independent Center of Jewish Meditation, invites the community to "Healing Abraham's Family Spirituality and Peacebuilding in the Holy Land," with Ibrahim Abulhawa and Elyahu McLean at 7 p.m. July 31. Location: 2215 Prince St., Berkeley. Abulhawa, from the Mountain of Olives and Elyahu McLean, director of PeaceMaker Community Holy Land, will speak about efforts to plant seeds of hope in this time of conflict. McLean lives in Jerusalem and is director of the PeaceMaker Community-Holy Land. Suggested donation \$15, no one turned away for lack of funds. For more information, call 704-9687.

UC Botanical Garden, 200 Centennial Drive, Berkeley, holds free sick plant clinics first Saturday of every month, from 9 a.m. to noon. UC plant pathology and entomology experts diagnose what ails your plant. The next clinic is Aug. 3. Details: 643-2755.

HighlineKites.com presents its 17th annual Berkeley Kite Festival and West Coast Kite Championships from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. July 27 and 28, at Cesar E. Chavez Park at the Berkeley Marina. The festival is free and open to the whole family. For more information, call 235-5483 or visit the e-mail at Fest@HighlineKites.com.

Berkeley Neighborhood Computers (BNC), a non-profit organization, provides high-value and high-demand computer technology training for disadvantaged and at-risk individuals. The organization seeks computers and networking equipment to be used for training purposes. All donations are tax deductible. Details: 845-1226 or e-mail bnc@netval.net.

Berkeley Camera Club meet Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. at the Northbrae Community Church, 941-The Alameda, Berkeley. Share your slides and prints and learn what other photographers are doing. Monthly field trips. For details call Don at 525-3565.

TOPS (Take Pounds Off Sensibly) Chapter CA 1294 is now meeting from 7:15-8:30 p.m. every Thursday evening at Mira Vista UCC Church, 7075 Cutting Blvd. TOPS is a non-profit organization assisting men and women in weight control. For more information call Betty Coates at 235-0490. This chapter has moved from Richmond.

Turning Point at the YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way, sponsors Resume Clinics on Tuesday afternoons, or by appointment. To sign up for an appointment, leave a message several days before you would like to meet. Anne Levine has a background in Design and Education. For the past 10 years,

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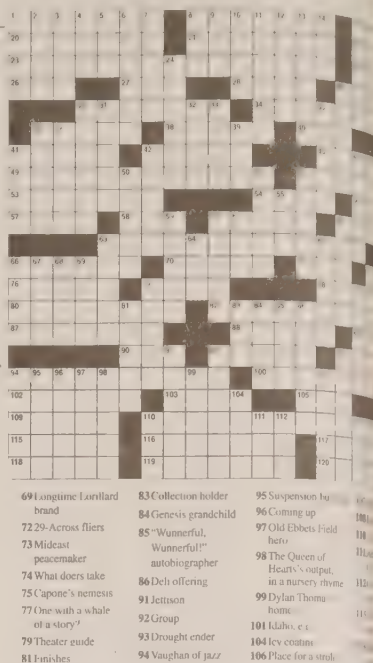
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she has assisted in producing numerous resumes as part of her desktop publishing business. Call 848-6370.

Berkeley's Office of Emergency Services presents a new series of free Community Emergency Response Training (CERT) classes. The classes give basic, practical information, including hands-on training in fire suppression, light search and rescue, and disaster first aid. All classes are held at the fire department's Emergency Operations Center, 997 Cedar St. The classes are open to everyone, 18 or older, who lives or works in Berkeley. To register call the Office of Emergency Services, 644-8736.

Berkeley Art Museum, Pacific Film Archive offers a guided tour of Equal Partner: Men and Women Principals in Contemporary Architectural Practice presented by graduate students from the UC Berkeley Department of Architecture, College of Environmental Design on alternating Thursdays at 12:15 p.m. and on Sundays at 2 p.m. Details: 642-0808.

Overeaters Anonymous meet Fridays at 1:30 PM at the Northbrae Community Church in Berkeley, 941 The Alameda between Solano and Marin avenues, in Room 2—the childcare room—parents may bring their children. This organization is for individuals who eat compulsively? For details, call Katherine at 525-5231.

Toastmasters, do it now. Stand up and say what you mean. Come practice Tuesday, noon to 1 p.m. at 700 Heinz Ave. Call 883-6708 for details.

Civil Rights activists needed. Write the ACLU chapter of Berkeley, Albany, Richmond, and Kensington. P.O. Box 11141, Berkeley, CA, 94701.

"Work Buddies"; volunteers needed to work with people in early stage Alzheimer's Disease. Minimum six-month commitment, two to three hours per week. Training provided. Contact Nannette Lipton, 644-8292.

Psychic Healing clinic; 7 to 9 p.m. Mondays; free clinic at the Academy for Psychic Studies in Berkeley, aura cleansing, stress relief, 800-642-9355.

SMART project; the Alcohol Research Group in Berkeley is conducting a study to compare the cost and effectiveness of two kinds of substance abuse day treatment: medical model day treatment and social model day treatment. By calling 1-888-249-8802 and agreeing to do three interviews, individuals chosen for the study receive free treatment at existing treatment programs.

The Edible Schoolyard, an organic gardening and cooking program at Berkeley's King Middle School, seeks volunteers to work with students, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Call 558-1335.

English-In-Action lets you make friends from around the world. Volunteer as a conversation partner with a

foreign UC scholar/student for one hour a week. YWCA, at Berkeley. Call 843-9716.

Women's Daytime Drop-in Center in Berkeley, serving women who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless, needs volunteers. The Center is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Volunteers are needed for morning and afternoon shifts. For details call 466-5663.

Exhibits

John F. Kennedy University presents the exhibit "Sacred Ground," featuring MFA Graduate artist Jeanne Jesse Aug. 5-15 at the University Arts Annex, 2956 San Pablo Ave., in the Berkeley Business Center, 2nd floor. A reception takes place from 4 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. Details: 649-0499.

The Albany Arts Committee presents "Before and After," a photograph exhibit by Jim Hair, July 21 through Sept. 19, at the Albany Community Center, Library Gallery, 1249 Mann Ave., Albany. An opening reception takes place from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. July 21. Details: 524-9283.

Artist Kathleen Schwab's exhibit "Standing Still," continues through Aug. 1 at the John F. Kennedy University Arts Annex, 2956 San Pablo Ave., second floor, Berkeley. A reception is 5-8 p.m. July 27. Admission is free. For more information, call 649-0499.

Albany Arts Gallery, 1251 Solano Ave., continues its exhibit of color photographs by Michael T. Williams, entitled "The People of Nepal and Village Life," through Aug. 31. Gallery hours: Tuesday, through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sunday, 12 to 5 p.m. For more information, call 526-9558.

The Kala Gallery presents "New Work: Part One," the first in a two-part series of exhibits through July. The exhibit includes mixed-media prints and sculpture by four of the eight Kala Fellowship Program winners of 2001 artists, Harry Clemons, Barbara Foster, Cecilia Mandirle and Adrian Van Allen. "New Works, Part Two," takes place from Aug. 8 to Sept. 30. Details: 549-2977.

"From the Attic: Preserving and Sharing our Past," an exhibit at the Berkeley Historical Society, 1931 Center Street, shows the "insides" of museum work: preserving textiles, papers, and photographs and creating oral histories through July 26. Open Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Curator is Katie Wadell and the Exhibit Committee of the Berkeley Historical Society. Also included in the exhibit are photos and artifacts depicting the history of Sather Tower, the Campanile, curated by John Aronovici. Free admission. Call

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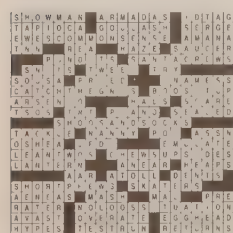
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Literary Events

The Reading Edge is available for free use at the Berkeley Public Library, 2121 Alston Way. The community provides printed text and reads it aloud with a synthesized voice. Available for anyone with a disability. Users must complete a brief orientation before using the system. Call at 644-6648 to set up a session.

Meetings

Improve your speaking skills by attending Berkeley Communicators' meetings, the first and second Wednesdays each month at 7:15 p.m. at the Café, 3250 Adeline St. Call 2337 for more information. The Berkeley Camera Club meets on the second Wednesdays 7:30 p.m. at the Berkeley Community Church, 941 Alameda. Share your slides and learn what other photographers are doing. Monthly field trips. For more details call Don at 525-3585. The UC Berkeley Avator Metaphysics Club meets on the third Tuesday of each month. The evening begins with a dinner and fellowship at 7 p.m. at 2068 Center St. A short business meeting follows at 8 p.m. at 2068 Center St., the Veterans Memorial Building. Price: \$3. Women who have had relatives in the US Military are invited to attend and join the auxiliary. For more information, call R. De-Conti, D.A.V. Chapter 25, 916-272-8594.

The YWCA offers free orientations of its Turning Point Career Center. The orientations outline the resources available to the public and the great variety of workshops held every Tuesday 1:30 p.m. The Turning Point Career Center is located at 2600 Bancroft Way. For more information, call 524-1250.

The Berkeley Avator Metaphysics Club meets on the first

and third Thursdays, from 6:15 to 7:30 p.m., at 2515 Hilegass Ave. Public speaking skills and metaphysics come together. For more information, call 869-2547 or 643-7645.

Berkeley Toastmasters Club meets monthly, the first and third Thursdays at 2515 Hilegass Ave. The group specializes in developing its communication and public speaking skills in the field of metaphysics. The group also learn from each other through short speeches. Call Odette Larde at 869-2547 or 643-7645.

The Kensington Senior Activity Center meets on Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave. The center's community program of life-long learning is presented by the West Contra Costa Adult School. Attend any class or event you choose. Everyone over 55 is welcome. Call 526-9146 or 547-1969 for additional information.

Music

La Pena Cultural Center, 3105 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley, hosts the Junius Courtney Big Band in Concert at 8 p.m. Aug. 2. The seventeen-piece band consists of long-term veterans from the ranks of Louis Armstrong, Jimmy Lunceford and Sy Oliver through John Coltrane and a middle-years contingent, mostly jazz educators, brought up on Bessie and Bob. The dance floor will be open. Tickets: \$12 in advance \$14 at the door. For more information, call 849-2568.

The Distaff Singers, an established East Bay Women's chorus, is seeking new members. No auditions required, just a love of singing. Classical, pop, sacred, Broadway. Rehearsals Tuesdays, 7:15 p.m. to 9:15 p.m. Call Michelle 601-5624, or L.J. 482-1677.

Ducksan Distones, featuring Donald Bailey on piano, vocals, harmonica, Isaiah Dixon, Acoustic Bass, Michael Lanford, Drums and Larry Giustino on Fretless Gibson L4, perform every Saturday night from 10 to 11 p.m. at Anna's Place, 1801 University at Grant. All ages welcome.

Ashkenaz, 1317 San Pablo Ave., presents Grateful Dead DJ night with Digital Dave and Jazz Z.D. on Thursday nights from 9:30 p.m. to 2 a.m. Tickets are \$4. Call 594-1400 for additional information.

Friday Night Folk Dancing: 8 p.m. - 11 p.m.; no partners necessary for line dances taught from Romania, Bulgaria, Israel, Turkey, Near East and other lands each Friday from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m., followed by request dances from 9 p.m. to 11 p.m. No experience necessary - all ages welcome. Albany YMCA, 901 Kains Ave.; \$4; call 525-1542.

Outdoors

The UC Berkeley Botanical Garden, 200 Centennial Drive, Strawberry Canyon, offers a free sick plant clinic on the first Saturday of every month from 9 a.m. to noon. Dr. Raabe will diagnose. Details 643-2755.

Learn to feed and care for orphaned baby birds: house sparrows, starlings and pigeons are introduced species that are not afforded care by rehabilitation groups. You can make an important contribution in returning these species to the wild life they deserve to have. Free training and some supplies. Call Myrna 531-3042 or Lelia 655-3911.

Turning Point at the YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way, offers "Scribble Time," a technique that helps participants understand themselves and find focus. The group meets on Tuesdays by appointments and is free to YWCA members. Call 848-6370 for additional information, leave a message for Anne Levine.

East Bay Regional Park Botanical Garden Tilden Park, presents regular tours, seven days a week. Week days 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays, and Sundays 2 p.m. Special tours by appointment. Call 841-8732. For a schedule of upcoming classes call 925-820-1021.

Support

National Alliance for the Mentally Ill: East Bay Chapter presents its bi-monthly speaker meetings at 7:30 p.m. July 24, at Northbrae Community Church, 941 Alameda in Berkeley. "A Spectrum of Services for Consumers in Alameda" will be the topic. Speakers are Manuel Galindez, Consumer Affairs Specialist for Alameda County

Behavioral Health Care Department, and Suzanne Gorham, MFT, Director of Managed Care and Supported in dependent Living Program for Bay Area Community Services. The public is invited to this free program. For more information, call 524-1250.

National Alliance for the Mentally Ill: East Bay Chapter, (NAMI) sponsors a support group for families of children with mental illness. The next meeting is from 7 to 8:45 p.m. July 16, at Albany United Methodist Church at 980 Stannage St., in Albany. Support meetings are free and offer parents and other family members a chance to share information and get emotional support. The public is invited to this free program. For more information, call 524-1250.

Lecture/workshop

Berkeley Richmond Jewish Community Center expanded its collection of contemporary fiction, nonfiction and children's books. Meet the children's librarian, research your Jewish roots or check out best sellers. The library is open to the public. Hours: 11 and 3 to 3 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays. For more information, call 848-0237.

Tai Chi Chuan and Chi-kung classes take place at Berkeley Unitarian Church at 7 p.m. on Wednesday evenings and 9 a.m. Saturday mornings at Berkeley Fellowship of Unitarian Universalists, 1924 Cedar St. People of all ages and physical conditions are welcome to practice. Donation \$65. To sign up call 268-4995.

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"What Is Meditation," is a peaceful and practical introduction to the basics of meditation. The free seminar takes place at Barnes and Noble Booksellers, 2352 Shattuck Ave. Prag to Dove is the facilitator. Call 644-0861 for additional information.

Emotions Anonymous: Twelve-Step meetings every Sunday at 8 p.m. Call 236-8226 for Berkeley location.

Theater, Dance, Film

"Putting It Together," an evening performance program by the students of Berkeley/Oakland Ailey Camp, is at 7 p.m. Aug. 1, at UC Berkeley's Zellerbach Hall. The nationally acclaimed program, conceived and directed by Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater inaugurates its first West Coast site on the UC Berkeley Campus this summer, and includes middle school students aged 11 to 14 from the Berkeley and Oakland Unified School districts.

Admission is free. Admission tickets may be picked up in person at the Cal Performances Ticket Office in advance and night of show. For more information, call 642-0212.

Women's Will, an all-female Shakespeare Company, presents "Penciles, Prince of Tyre," at 8 p.m. July 20 and 21, at Live Oak Park. Pack your family, friends and a picnic and join this free production. For more information, call 415-567-1758.

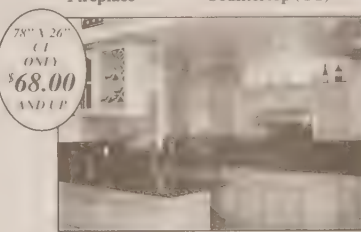
Berkeley-based dance group, Ballet Counterpoint Rep (BCR) presents "Works in Motion" at 8 p.m. Aug. 2 and 3, and 2 p.m. Aug. 4, at the Dance Mission Theater, 3316 24th Street in San Francisco. Tickets are \$10-20 sliding scale. For reservations and information, call 604-7063.

Actors Ensemble of Berkeley presents "The Heidi Chronicles," Wendy Wasserstein's prize-winning comedy at 8 p.m. at Live Oak Theatre, 1301 Shattuck Ave., Friday and Saturday evenings through Aug. 10 and Thursday evening, Aug. 8. The long-running Broadway success has won the Pulitzer Prize, Tony Award, New York Drama Critics Circle Award, Outer Critics Circle Award, Drama Desk Award, Hull-Warner Award, and Susan Smith Blackburn Prize. Admission: \$10. Reservations: 528-5620.

Shotgun Players presents Shakespeare's rarely performed "Troilus and Cressida," opening 5 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays July 27 through Sept. 1, at John Hinkel Park, Southampton Avenue. Tickets are pay-what-you-can. Details or reservations: 704-8210.

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change in his name as follows:
Present Name: Lawrence,
Thomas Lawrence To Proposed
Name: Antonio
Thomas Gallo

(2) THE COURT ORDERS
a) All people interested in
this matter shall appear
before this court at the hearing
indicated below to show
cause, if any, why the petition
for change of name should not
be granted.

NOTICE OF HEARING
a. Date 9/11/02
3:24pm, Dept. 6001, Martinez
Court #B001, Martinez
CA 94553

b) A copy of this order is to
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The following newspaper of
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Dated July 15, 2002
JUDITH A. SANDERS
JUDGE PRO TEM
SUPERIOR COURT
Legal Journal #0949
Published July 26, August 2
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Sang Kook Han
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PETITION OF: Sang Kook
Han FOR CHANGE OF
NAME

Case No N02-1060
ORDER TO SHOW
CAUSE FOR CHANGE
OF NAME

TO ALL INTERESTED PER
SONS:
Petitioner, Sang
Kook Han, has filed a
petition with this court for a
change in his name as follows:
Present Name: Han, Sang-
Kook To Proposed Name:
Antonio-Henry Gallo

(2) THE COURT ORDERS
a) All people interested in
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lived and worked with the museum. Yana tribal baskets and a 17-foot Yurok canoe carved from a single redwood.

\$2 general; \$1 seniors; \$0.50 youths age 16 and under; free on Thursdays for all. Wednesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Kroeber Hall, Bancroft Way and College Avenue, Berkeley. 510-643-643-1193, ext 4 or <http://hearstmuseum.berkeley.edu>

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TOLOGY — "Tyrannosaurus Rex," ongoing. A 20-foot tall, 40-foot long replica of the fearsome dinosaur. The replica is made from casts of bones of the most complete T. Rex skeleton yet excavated. When unearthed in Montana, the bones were all lying in place with only a small piece of the tailbone missing.

"Pteranodon," ongoing. A suspended skeleton of a flying reptile with a wingspan of 22 to 23 feet. The Pteranodon lived at the same time as the di-

nosaurus. "California Fossils Exhibit," ongoing. An exhibit of some of the fossils that have been excavated in California. Free. Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Lobby, Valley Life Sciences Building, University of California, Berkeley. 510-642-1821 or www.ucmp.berkeley.edu

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Landmark and is now docked at the same pier she sailed from in 1944. Today, visitors can tour the massive ship, view World War II-era warplanes and experience a simulated aircraft launch from the carrier's deck. EXHIBITS — "Hornets before Wings," ongoing. This exhibit chronicles the 227-year history of U.S. Navy ships bearing the Hornet name, from the Revolutionary War through the Cold War.

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Events

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"Flight Deck Fun," ongoing. A former Landing Signal Officer will show children how to bring in a fighter plane for a landing on the deck. Times vary. Free with admission.

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\$12 general; \$10 seniors, students and military, active or inactive; \$5 youths age 5 to 16; free children under age 5 and fathers accompanied by a child on June 16. Daily, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Pier 3 (enter at Atlantic Avenue), Alameda Point, Alameda. 510-521-8448 or www.uss-hornet.org

EXHIBITS

ACCI GALLERY — The 44th Annual August Seconds Sale, Aug. 22 through Aug. 25. An artist sale of ceramics, jewelry and prints, offering a selection of seconds and one-of-a-kind pieces.

Free. Thursday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sunday, noon to 5 p.m. 1652 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley 510-843-2527

ARGENCY GALLERY — "First Year Anniversary Group Exhibition," closing Aug. 17. New works from various artists.

Free. Tuesday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. 709 Broadway, Oakland. 510-836-0831 or www.aragencyart.com

ASIAN RESOURCE GALLERY — "Crizel's World: Butterflies and Benzene," through Sept. 13. The story of 6-year-old Crizel Jane Valencia (1994-

2000) whose terminal leukemia was linked to toxic waste left by the United States Air Force.

Free. 310 Eighth St., Oakland. 510-287-5353

BERKELEY ARTS FESTIVAL GALLERY — "Freedom! Now!" closing Aug. 25. An exhibition of political art. Monday through Saturday, noon to 5 p.m. 2342 Shattuck Ave. Berkeley. 510-665-9496

GALLERY 555 — "Balancing Acts," through Oct. 10. An exhibition of organic cardboard forms of sculptor Ann Weber.

Free. Monday through Saturday, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. 555 City Center, 555 12th St., Oakland.

www.oaklandcitycenter.com.

GRADUATE THEOLOGICAL UNION — "Paintings and Drawings," through Oct. 4. Works by Jan Wurm.

Free. Monday and Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Tuesday through Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. Flora Lamson Hewlett Library, 2400 Ridge Road, Berkeley 510-649-2500

HALL OF PIONEERS GALLERY — "Oakland Chinatown Pioneers," opened.

Twelve showcases each focusing on historic leaders and personalities of the community.

Free. Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Chinese Garden Building, 275 Seventh St., Oakland. 510-530-4590

JUNE STEINGART GALLERY — "Elemental," closing Aug. 22. New paintings by Matthew Purdon.

Free. Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Laney College, 900 Fallon St., Oakland.

www.matthewpurdon.com

"OAKLAND PORTRAITS: THEN AND NOW, 1852-2002" — through Sept. 2. An exhibition of works by 30 Oakland artists in celebration of the 150th anniversary of Oakland. Each individual work represents a portrait but the exhibit collectively displays a picture of the varied art community which has thrived in Oakland from the 1800s to today. Displayed in three locations.

Free. Atrium, Craft and Cultural Arts Gallery, State of California Building, 1515 Clay St., Oakland; Oakland Art

Gallery, Lionel Wilson Building, 1999 Kahn's Alley, Oakland; ArtShip Windows Project, 15th Street and Broadway, Oakland. 510-238-6052 or www.oaklandculturalarts.org.

OAKLAND HISTORY ROOM — "A History of Gambling in Emeryville," through Oct. 4. An exhibition using pictures, pamphlets and poker chips to tell the story of the town's colorful past.

Free. Monday, Tuesday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; Wednesday and Thursday, noon to 5 p.m.; Friday, noon to 5:30 p.m.; Sunday, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Main Library, 125 14th St. 510-238-3615. www.oaklandlibrary.org

PUSOD — "Poems Form/From the Six Directions," through Sept. 15. An exhibit of poems, drawing and sculptures by Eileen Tabios and the universe.

"Also features guest artists who collaborated with Tabios or created works with a similar sensibility."

"Brown Man's Burden," through Sept. 7. Selected works by Filipino artists from the Bablonia Winer Collection.

Free. Wednesday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. 1808 Fifth St., Berkeley. 510-883-1808 or www.bwt.org/pusod.

RICHMOND ART CENTER — MAIN GALLERY — "Bay Area Selections."

Ceramics," closing Aug. 17. The Fourth Annual Ernie Kim Award, featuring "big, bold and subversive" ceramic works by Michelle P. Kern, Kim Tucker, Shalene Valenzuela and Monica Van den Dool.

SOUTH GALLERY — Gertrude Parker, closing Aug. 17. A collection of recent sculpture works by the artist, using organic animal skin and industrial steel and plastic.

WEST GALLERY — "trans/lucent," closing Aug. 17. A collection of works by

Leah Koncan.

COMMUNITY GALLERY — "From Our Studios," closing Aug. 17. Artwork by adult students from the Center's On-site Education Program.

"Power of a Voice," closing Aug. 17. Artwork by members of the Asian Community Mental Health Services.

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"Top of the Map," closing Aug. 17. Artwork by 33 West Contra Costa County artists participating in East Bay Open Studios.

Free. Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Saturday, noon to 4:30 p.m. 2540 Barrett Ave., Richmond. 510-620-6772 or www.thenchmondart-center.org

RICHMOND HEALTH CENTER — "Suitcase Stories: Stories of Family, Resettlement, Secrets and Identification," through Sept. 20. Featuring works by Flo Oy Wong, Kim Anno, Daniel Camacho, Candi Farica, Tina Gray, Maggie Malone, Ann Schnake, Marisa Vitello and Paula Woodson.

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ROYAL GROUND GALLERY — "Summer Show," through Sept. 29. Guest artist: Paul Steven Di Leo. A gallery exhibition of paintings, monotypes, photography and sculpture.

Free. Daily, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. 2058 Mount Diablo Blvd., Oakland. 510-339-0348

TRAYWICK GALLERY — "Summer 2002: Part Two, New Drawing and Photography," closing Aug. 24. Featuring works by Hillary Blecker, Car-

olyn Castano, Hilary Chartrand, Amanda Marchand, Rebecca Morris and Kris Timken.

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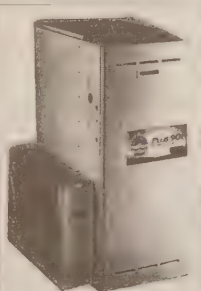
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If "Baja" suggests sandy beaches, surfing, fishing, picnicking and everything else dealing with fun, then the all-new Subaru Baja is properly named.

The Baja is a four-passenger, all-wheel drive vehicle based on the Subaru Legacy/Outback. The main difference. The rear end has a small all-purpose room — with no roof.

It's intended for those with a "let's-have-fun" attitude and lifestyle. Toss dirty, sandy stuff in the back without worry; hose it down to clean it up, just like a truck bed. Only the

Baja is not a truck!

The rear end is similar to a truck bed, but the Baja is more versatile. Although the bed is only 4 feet wide and 3.5 feet long, just lowering the tailgate and attaching a rib cage can achieve an extra foot and a half of cargo area.

If more length is required for transporting a surfboard, simply remove a panel to gain access to the rear seat area.

The contents are kept secure with the three-bar rib cage secured with a clip.

The rear seats lower with such

TOM KEANE

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ease that the demonstrator, who was holding a cup of coffee, convinced me that the process is a one-handed operation. Such numerous conveniences indicate much forethought went into the design of the Baja.

Subaru engineers even designed a way to have the license plate, that is mounted on the tail-

gate, seen when the gate is down. When the gate is raised again, the license goes back to its preset position while the clips that secured the rib cage automatically release for easy removal.

Similar minute details can be found throughout the Baja. Although built on an Outback body, what substantially changes the appearance of the Baja is the body-side cladding.

The metal parts of my tester were bright yellow with aluminum-colored plastic cladding on the lower areas of the body. This

cladding also overlapped the headlamps making them appear massive, giving the Baja a very sturdy appearance.

Actually, this is a tough little vehicle that can take on most off-road trails and sandy beaches due to all-wheel drive, a system that is standard with all Subaru vehicles — and there is a choice of two types of AWD.

There's also a choice of transmissions: manual or automatic.

What is unusual about this auto-

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ase on her Jeep was 24-year-old. I had known her as a 31-year-old woman with a baby. I prioritized safety. Selecting the vehicle wasn't as easy as expected. She had surfed the Internet for crash test ratings, which were daunting.

Visited dealerships to test-drive vehicles and to talk to salespeople who just wanted to make

very confusing," she told me. It was hard to make the best decision when you don't know the vehicle to look at, and the information is often contradictory. I selected the safest vehicle on the market. Instead of a simple task, reams of consumer information exist for consumers to wade through.

Major agencies, the federal government's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and the insurance industry's non-profit ratings — the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety — perform tests and provide ratings. However, neither group tests vehicles on the market, nor is the information rated in all categories. Buying vehicles in different seg-

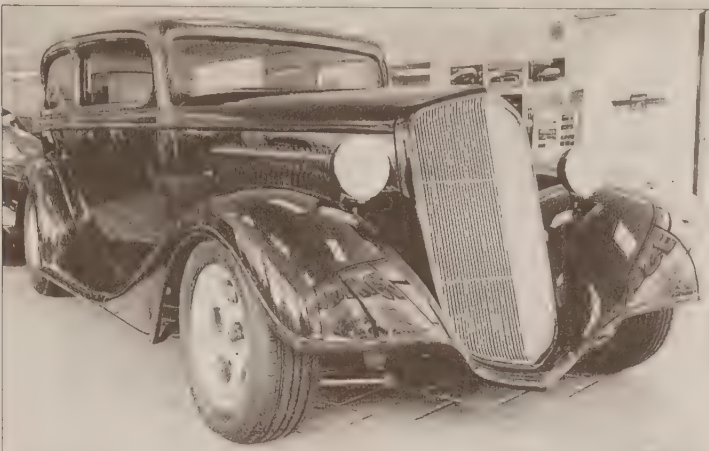
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A CLASSIC CHEVY

This hand-built 1934 Chevrolet two-door sedan is owned by Dave Robb of Parker-Robb Chevrolet in Walnut Creek. It will be among the cars on display next weekend at the Goodguys' West Coast Nationals at the Alameda County Fairgrounds. The car, a 19-year project, has a Corvette drivetrain, brakes and steering. Robb gives credit to the late Denis Abbas who helped start the project but never got to see it to fruition. Other team members making the car possible include Steve Moal of Danville, who did the body and paint work. The car is painted "Chevy blue," which is a metallic blue. The leather and fabric upholstery in gray and blue was done by Armand Annereau Jr. of Walnut Creek. Also on the team are Don Fretwell of Watsonville and Jimmy Kilroy of Berkeley via Ireland, both of whom were mastercraftsmen on the body, and Lem Tolliver of Paso Robles, who did the suspension, air conditioning and exhaust. Robb says the car will be displayed and driven locally. Following the Goodguys' show, it will be on view at the Parker-Robb dealership, 1707 Main St.

Goodguys brings show to Pleasanton

PLEASANTON — From a small beginning of one or two shows a year, the Goodguys Rod & Custom Show has expanded to 21 shows around the country.

The 16th annual West Coast Nationals at the Alameda County Fairgrounds takes place next weekend.

Founded in 1983 by lifelong hot-rod enthusiasts Gary and Marilyn Meadors of Alamo, the Goodguys Rod & Custom Association brings together hot rod and custom car enthusiasts in a family-oriented event to show their cars and also offers a place for companies to exhibit their rod and restoration equipment.

Goodguys teams with K&N Filters to sponsor the Pleasanton event in association with Miller Genuine Draft beer. The West Coast Nationals showcases about 3,500 1954 and earlier rods, customs and classics.

Known as the "Crown Jewel" of Goodguys' events nationwide, show hours are 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Aug. 23 and 24 and 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Aug. 25.

STREET RODDER magazine editor Brian Brennan has seen every

conceivable street rod and custom car event and he says Pleasanton is his favorite. This will be his 15th year at this show.

"I like Pleasanton because the fairgrounds are the best in the country for a rod event, the hotels are abundant and close by, but most of all, the best hot rods and customs are here."

"I can walk 50 yards and fill 10 pages of STREET RODDER with glorious images."

One of the interesting aspects of the hot-rod hobby, according to those in the know, is that it's mostly a static display, like a rolling Smithsonian automotive art exhibit. It's like a '60s love-in with cars instead of bonfires and rock music.

The cars are on display for all to look at; there's no competition, no racing, just shiny vehicles to admire. Some of these artistic automotive creations can cost as much as \$1 million.

According to the Specialty Equipment Market Association, the automotive aftermarket and speed equipment industry did an estimated \$760 million in sales in 2001.

Of the 188,713,997 vehicles in use in the U.S. in 2001, approximately 260,000 were street rods and customs.

In addition to the car show and manufacturer displays, Mecum Classic Car Auctions of Illinois will auction off more than 100 specialty cars next Saturday.

There also will be a swap meet and Cars 4 Sale corral, open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. the first two days and 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. the final day.

For those not into cars, there's an entire village of homemade arts and crafts and food booths galore. Plus, entertainment with the cool jazz sounds of Steve Oliver from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday and Saturday in the Food Court and a rock and roll show with Boyd's FAB 4 picks Friday at 6 p.m. and Papa Doo Run Run performing at 2 p.m. Saturday in the amphitheater.

Admission is \$15 per day, with children ages 7-12 admitted for \$6. Fairgrounds parking fee is \$5.

Further information is available on the Web at www.good-guys.com or by calling 925-838-9876.

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ments, such as cars and sport utilities, is similar to comparing apples to oranges.

To begin with, cars have to meet stricter safety standards than truck-type vehicles, like sport utilities.

In addition, the NHTSA and IIHS tests vary widely. NHTSA conducts a full-frontal crash test by hitting the vehicle into a block of cement at 35 mph, mostly to test the vehicle's safety restraint system, which includes seatbelts, airbags and head restraints.

NHTSA also recently established a roll-over test that rates vehicles using its five-star system on their likelihood of rolling over in a crash. Tests for side impacts, already done by major manufacturers, are under development.

The IIHS performs an offset frontal test that runs a vehicle at 40 mph into a barrier, crashing just 40 percent of the vehicle to see how the structure protects the occupants. The IIHS' more stringent test, similar to ones used in Europe,

more accurately depicts real-world accidents, automakers claim.

Despite the confusing results of such crash tests, the good news is that vehicles are getting increasingly safer thanks to advances in airbags, seatbelts, brake systems and head restraints, according to the IIHS. In addition, cars are being designed to perform better in crashes — and to score high in crash tests so automakers can tout their performance, or, at the very least, not be publicly chastised.

In the Institute's first tests of mid-size cars in 1995, for instance, just three of 14 cars received the highest rating; six rated poor and the rest were acceptable or marginal. This year, all nine mid-size cars that were crash-tested earned IIHS' highest safety rating.

How a vehicle performs in a crash is a good place to start when shopping for the safest vehicle, experts advise. In general, bigger is better, because the laws of physics always apply. But bigger may not fit your budget or your lifestyle.

Certain classes of vehicles also appear, based on real-world data and crash tests, to fare better — or

worse, in some cases — than other classes. Minivans generally perform well in crash tests and are involved in fewer accidents that result in injury and fatalities.

Vehicle design and the way they are driven play a role, but so do the kind of people who own them — mostly adult moms and dads conscious of the precious cargo they are carrying — and the way they are driven.

Likewise, mid-size family sedans and small sedans perform well, likely for the same reasons. In contrast, small pickup trucks as a category do not fare well.

The IIHS gave no overall good rating to any small pickup truck; the best grade in any measure was only "acceptable."

In the end, my friend's daughter selected the Volvo S60. It not only earned good grades in safety ratings, but was also equipped with a long list of safety features, from side airbags with the inflatable curtain to anti-lock brakes and traction control.

The young woman was relieved. "I feel like I made the right decision," she told me.

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matic is that it gets better fuel economy than the manual transmission, on both city and highway. (Manual: 20 city, 25 highway; automatic: 21 city, 26 highway.) Obviously, there is a difference in the gearing ratio.

Either transmission is coupled to a 2.5-liter four-cylinder SOHC engine that produces 165 horsepower. There's nothing exciting about the engine's performance but it is good enough to get the job done. I drove it up steep hills and had sufficient

power with either transmission.

From the driver's seat forward, it has all the earmarks of the Legacy/Outback and is very easy to handle, loaded with comforts including a good sound system, air conditioning system, everything.

Fact is, this vehicle is assembled on the same assembly line as the Legacy and Outback. Although the Baja has yet to undergo a crash-test conducted by the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety, the other

two vehicles have received excellent ratings, so the Baja will probably be a smashing success, too.

Arriving in dealers' showrooms in September, the price will be in the mid-\$20,000 range, plus options. And there are plenty of options to choose, as this vehicle is intended to accommodate numerous lifestyles.

The only common thread required: Owners must be free-spirited people who want to have fun.

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BRAD BERGHOLDT
Auto QnAbut I don't want to
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Q I've been eyeing and surveying several new cars that I find attractive with good handling, reasonable power and acceleration, etc.

A couple of them specify the use of premium fuel. With premium fuel running about 25 to 30 cents a gallon more than regular, I wonder if there are any serious consequences of using regular in a car rated or designed for premium.

I have read in the past that premium (higher-octane) gasoline burns more slowly and evenly therefore running an engine more smoothly. Is there more to the story than that and why not regular fuel?

Saul Milano, Los Gatos, Calif.

A I'm sure you're not the only one wondering about this. The primary benefit of high-octane fuel is its anti-knock characteristic.

In addition, premium-grade fuel may contain additional or higher-grade additives — particularly detergents — that help keep fuel injectors and intake valves clean.

Modern engines deliver far more power and greater fuel economy than their predecessors by employing a higher compression ratio and utilizing sophisticated combustion chamber designs and valve,

fuel and ignition management systems.

Operating the engine on a lower-octane fuel than specified will invite engine-damaging detonation (an explosion of the air-fuel mixture rather than a controlled burn) and reduced power, and lead to expensive repair bills.

You're correct that premium fuel burns more slowly than less costly 87 or 89 grade. The air-fuel mixture burns at a lower temperature, providing a smooth and controlled flame front, lessening the chance of a hot and stressful explosion.

Detonation can damage pistons, valves, and head gaskets.

Q I own a 1987 Toyota truck that needs new shoes for the rear brakes. My trusted mechanic insists that we turn the drums.

On the other hand, the local discount brake repair outfit is happy to simply replace the shoes. Shoe replacement alone costs roughly \$150. Turning the drums adds an additional \$300 to \$350 to the job.

What do you recommend? The truck is in very good shape.

I want proper functioning brakes

A Turning drums is often a real-time-free surface material.

With use, drums are resurfaced or replaced — if done beyond the disc.

If your trusted mechanic is not faithfully following the specs of the drums.

Turning both serviceable) should cost from \$30 to \$50 to turn them can run \$200 list price for two drums.

Brad Bergholdt is a columnist at Knight Ridder Newspapers, 750 R Street, San Jose, Calif. 95131.

Crew crosses country in fuel-cell

MOTOR MATTERS

HERB SHULDINER
Down the Road

Rolling to a stop in a circle next to the Capitol in Washington, D.C., the vehicle looked ordinary enough, but it was not a conventional car in any sense.

It was DaimlerChrysler's NECAR 5, a fuel-cell powered car, that had just completed a 3,652-mile trip that started in San Francisco. This is a distance record for a fuel-cell car.

The trip took the tiny electric vehicle from sea level at the foot of the Golden Gate Bridge to as high as 8,675 feet — a record altitude for FCVs. At high altitude, fuel-cell efficiency is diminished because less oxygen is available, similar to the power loss experienced by an internal combustion engine.

The crew drove through hail, snow and rain, halting at one point to buy tire chains for access to a road closed to vehicles without that equipment.

Scorching heat on the plains and cabin temperatures of 95-degrees, without air conditioning, tested the

crew.

A fuel-cell is a device invented during the space program. It combines hydrogen and oxygen and creates water vapor as its only emission.

This device could take the car out of the environmental equation. At the same time, it would cut our reliance on imported petroleum.

Ferdinand Panik, who heads the DaimlerChrysler fuel-cell program, says the NECAR 5 is the last fuel-cell concept car the company will make. Its next step is to produce vehicles to be leased to selected customers.

He says it won't be possible for most consumers to buy a fuel-cell powered car until the next decade. That's because the vehicles are still in a state of development and the cost would be too high.

The first generation cars will be leased at subsidized rates because the vehicles would be prohibitively expensive.

Distribution of the generation FCVs still in the lease stage also will be subsidized.

Panik says there are subsidies for the production of all components, but the subsidies are too large to list.

By that time, DaimlerChrysler have invested about \$1 billion in fuel-cell research, says Panik, a member of the managing board of Mercedes-Benz.

The NECAR 5 uses a mixture of methanol during the test. A reformer at the car extracts hydrogen from the methanol and sends it to the hydrogen cell where the hydrogen reacts with oxygen from the air.

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GM offers Buick a push toward a bright future

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General Motors is breathing new life into its oldest brands: Buick, Oldsmobile and Pontiac. Two years ago, following the automaker's announcement that it would phase out Oldsmobile, many auto industry executives predicted the demise of the brand would be far behind. Now, in a sales slide as it has only cars in a market in which it accounted for half of the sales, GM is looking to the industry's oldest owner for a new direction. GM is looking to the industry's oldest owner for a new direction. GM is looking to the industry's oldest owner for a new direction.

styling cues and a different powertrain than the inline six-cylinder engine and optional all-wheel drive on the others.

Adams would not confirm details of Buick's other future products. He did say Buicks in the future would remain true to Buick's heritage by focusing on power, interior elegance and gorgeous styling.

Sources, however, say Buick is looking at a number of other truck-type products and people-mover products. In terms of cars, Buick has refreshed the 2003 Park Avenue Ultra to include portholes; it will be replaced entirely in 2005. GM is looking to revamp its midsize Regal and Century sedans even sooner.

The question, say sources, is should Buick offer both cars or just one? Buick also is searching for a halo car to replace the long-defunct Riviera. The Bengal, a curvaceous four-door roadster concept shown last year, appears to be dead.

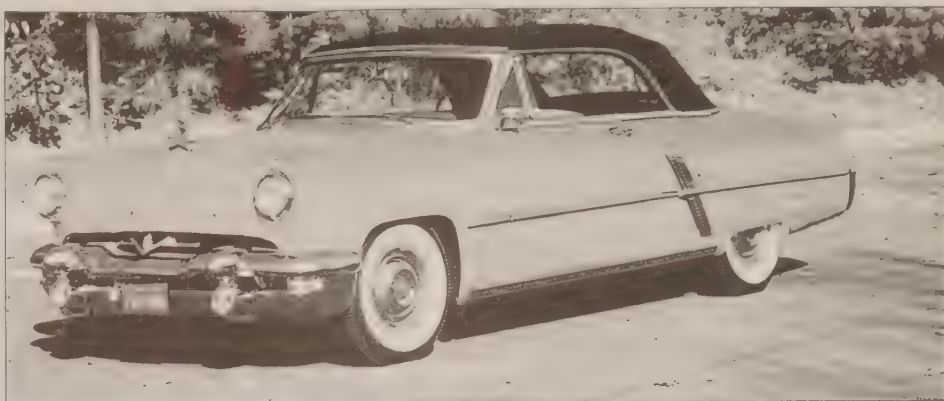
Also unlikely to go into production is the LaCrosse concept that gained a lot of attention on the auto show circuit. The LaCrosse was a cross between a sedan and a sport utility with an available pickup truck bed.

In terms of marketing, golfing great Tiger Woods will remain in Buick's advertising into the foreseeable future, said Adams. Buick signed Woods to signal to the public that Buick is becoming a more youthful-oriented company.

As the brand focuses on youthfulness in its vehicles and marketing, it will simultaneously celebrate its illustrious history. Buick, which was established on May 19, 1903, kicked off a yearlong celebration by installing a Michigan historical marker at Detroit's Renaissance Center, home to Buick and GM's corporate headquarters.

The marker notes that David Dunbar Buick began building automobile engines and experimental cars in Detroit before Buick's move to nearby Flint, Mich. and that Buick became the financial foundation for the creation of GM.

During the year, Buick will host a heritage tour of about 20 vintage Buicks now traveling nationwide and winding up in Detroit next July. The 20 classics will join a collection of more than 2,000 vintage Buicks for the centennial celebration.



FINDING THIS 1953 Lincoln Capri convertible fulfilled a long-time dream for its owner. After a complete restoration, the car has been trouble-free and gets about 14 miles to the gallon in city driving, 18 on the highway.

1953 Lincoln Capri becomes Sweet acquisition

MOTOR MATTERS

When teen-aged Jack Sweet saw his usually conservative neighbor, Mrs. Mutter, drive up in a sparkling new banana yellow 1953 Lincoln Capri convertible, his life was changed forever.

Forty years had passed when Sweet began looking for a car like the Mutters'. The search took him to disappointments in places as far-flung as Idaho, Texas, Florida and Pennsylvania. In early 1996 he went to Long Island, N.Y., to investigate car number 12.

There he walked into the middle of an unpleasant divorce. The wife was in New York with the car and the husband was in Georgia. His name was on the title, but she had possession of the title. Sweet, in Virginia, was literally and figuratively in the middle.

The spectacular Lincoln was the car Sweet wanted; however, he was facing a month-long business trip to Australia. The 17-foot, 10-inch-long car was put in storage for a month, and when Sweet returned he was required to send separate checks to the wife and husband.

Next, he had to send postage to New York so she could send the title and registration to Georgia. She

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would not pay the postage. The husband then completed the paperwork and returned it to Sweet.

In February 1996 the 4,310-pound 1953 Lincoln Capri convertible became Sweet's. A total of 2,372 Lincoln Capri convertibles had been manufactured that year, each one with a base price of \$3,699.

After the Lincoln was trucked home, Sweet began to check out his purchase. The car was equipped with power steering, power windows with hand-crank wing vent windows, power four-way seats and antenna. But no power brakes.

Optional fog lamps were incorporated in the front bumper/grille assembly. Stainless steel door guards wrapped around the door handles to protect the paint.

Sweet decided at first to only replace the fabric top and four 8.20x15-inch white sidewall tires, but soon decided to redo the entire vehicle. From the winter of 1997 to the spring of 1998 the car was

refurbished.

Red and black leather was located to reupholster the interior, and the black carpeting was replaced.

The black steering wheel with a full horn ring stands in contrast to the red and silver painted dashboard beneath the one-piece curved windshield.

Lincoln stylists in 1953, fond of gold trim, used it on the Capri emblem on each quarter panel, the big "V" in the grille, the front part of the hood ornament and the knight emblem on the trunk lid.

The national Lincoln meet took place in the summer of 2000 in St. Louis. Sweet joined eight other East coast owners of antique Lincolns in a caravan to Missouri.

The odometer read 85,000 miles, but I think it was 185,000 miles," Sweet says.

The car ran well, but Sweet was relegated to the "Tailend Charlie" position because of the thin film of oil his Lincoln was spraying.

The 317-cubic-inch, 205-horsepower overhead-valve V8 engine has a crankshaft with eight counterweights compared with six counterweights in the engines of the competitors.

The worn-out engine eventually

was replaced with a healthy version of the original engine. Since then the 1953 Lincoln has been trouble-free.

Its powerful engine now drinks gasoline from the 20-gallon fuel tank at the rate of about 14 mpg in town and 18-plus mpg on the highway.

An oil bath air cleaner sits on a four-barrel carburetor atop the big V8 engine.

The ball-joint front suspension, in conjunction with the 123-inch wheelbase, provides a comfortable ride for passengers in the 6 1/2-foot-wide convertible.

There's nothing about his Lincoln that Sweet doesn't like, even the plastic window in the black convertible top. From end-to-end, he believes this car is perfection down to L-N-C-O-L-N stamped in the rear bumper.

When anyone questions his commitment, Sweet simply shifts responsibility by saying, "It's Mrs. Mutter's fault."

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Fuel cell

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miles even in places where no methanol supply was available. Methanex, the company that supplied the methanol, had to drop ship the alcohol to those towns where none was available.

The automaker has tested a series of FCV concepts in its NECAR (for New Electric Car) program that dates back to 1994. DaimlerChrysler seems to have settled on getting hydrogen for fuel-cells from methanol.

An earlier NECAR 2 used compressed hydrogen. But obtaining that fuel is even harder than getting methanol.

When the company built NECAR 3 DaimlerChrysler engineers showed it was possible to reform methanol to obtain hydrogen.

DaimlerChrysler continued to experiment with using hydrogen directly. NECAR 4 used liquid hydrogen and NECAR 4A switched back to compressed hydrogen.

NECAR 5 and the Jeep Commander 2 concepts convert methanol onboard.

Before Chrysler merged with

Daimler-Benz, it had looked into on-board reforming of gasoline. This is how General Motors and Toyota get hydrogen for their fuel-cells.

Panik says he is pessimistic about gasoline as a source of hydrogen for fuel-cells.

Although a gasoline-supply infrastructure exists, the low-sulfur gasoline needed to supply hydrogen to fuel-cells is not yet available, he says.

The sulfur in conventional gasoline would ruin fuel-cells.

Panik, who also is outgoing chairman of the California Fuel-cell Partnership, admits the develop-

mental fuel-cell cars haven't yet demonstrated the durability of internal-combustion (IC)-powered vehicles.

Fuel-cells for buses currently have a life expectancy of only 50,000 miles, which is not competitive with diesel engines.

His target is to double life expectancy of fuel-cells by 2007.

A crew of drivers drove NECAR 5, a Mercedes-Benz A-Class equipped with a 75-kw Ballard 900 series fuel-cell stack.

The car averaged the gasoline equivalent of about 40 mpg.

Panik says that despite the relatively low fuel economy of the NECAR 5, the car is a "very green" performer.

He says there are no particulates, nitrogen oxide or carbon dioxide emissions.

Carbon monoxide emissions are less than half those from an IC engine.

That gives fuel-cells a great environmental advantage over IC engines.

He also notes fuel-cells are almost twice as efficient, attaining an efficiency of about 46 percent vs 26 percent for an IC engine.

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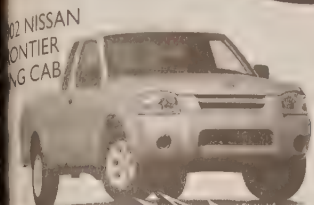
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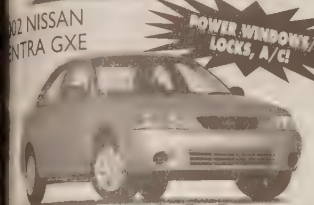
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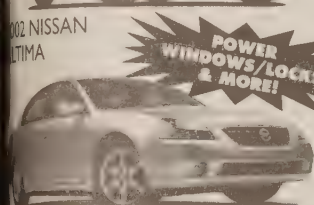
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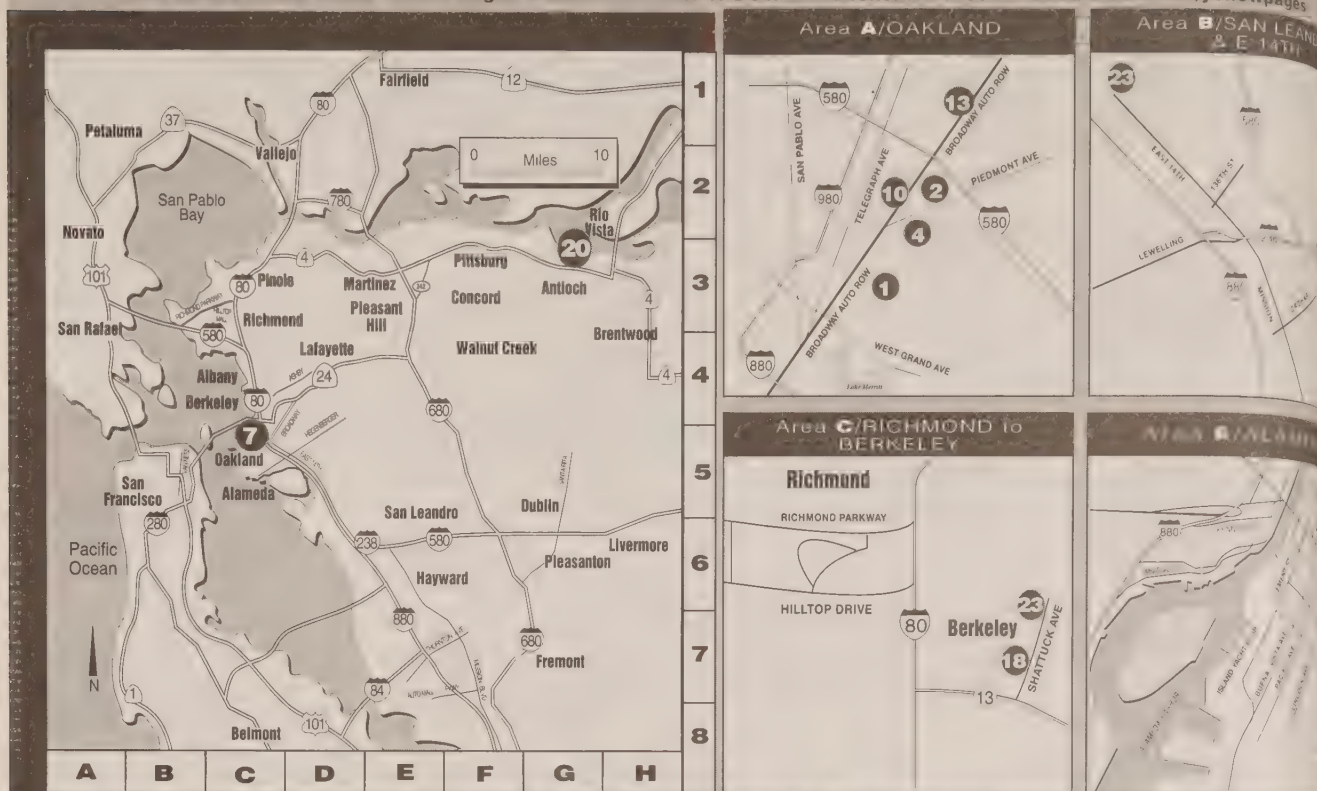
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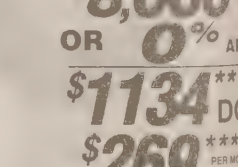
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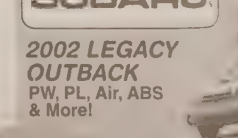
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sult. The seven recipes included
in the plum chapter, three are for
tart not to take it personally.
...est, maybe that's exactly what
plums, like certain people, are
too, well, definite for easy ap-
proach. While peaches and pears,
and strawberries are pleas-
ant, lending themselves
to endeavors, plums are
tart, often nearly
tart of astringency. There is

no mistaking a dish that contains
plums; no "Oh, this is nice, what is
it?" When you're served a plum
dessert, you know it.

But since when was assertive-
ness a bad thing? While plums may
be out of favor with those who pre-
fer their fruit sweet and easygoing,
they are magical when combined
with ingredients confident enough to
hold their own.

Plums are also a great boon to
cooks. They don't need to be peeled
(indeed, much of the pucker is in the
peel — removing it will make them
sweeter, but less plum-like). You can
just whittle them straight into the mix-
ing bowl. Best of all, unless a plum
is really ripe, it will have a near-per-
fect balance of pectin, sugar and
acidity — it'll turn to jam at a hot
glance, no need for thickeners.

There are two ways to deal with
their assertive nature: either com-
plement it, or play against it. (Though
there are hundreds of plum varieties
and they come in different colors, for
the purposes of recipes, they're
pretty much interchangeable.)

To complement a plum, think of
things it tastes like. Cotes du Rhone,
the big red wines from Southern
France, are usually described as
"plummy," but other common ad-
jectives are "spicy" and "peppery."
Plums not only do well poached in
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since they're both members of the
drupe family of fruits. The likeness is
more than hereditary. The browned,
buttery flavor of toasted almonds
rounds out and lends warmth to the
fruit's tart personality.

You can also go the other way,
using flavors that are definite enough
to stand toe to toe with plums with-
out backing down. Be cautious here:
While assertiveness is needed, if it's

not carefully considered you could
wind up with strong flavors that do
nothing but clash — an Albee play
in a dessert bowl.

The combination of cornmeal and
plums is a particularly apt example
of how this competition can work. A
bit of cornmeal in waffles, crepes or
cake batters adds both old-fashioned
grainy sweetness and a faint trace
of lingering bitterness that brings out
the best in plums.

And somehow, no matter the
dessert, a little bit of plain old vanilla
ice cream or lightly sweetened creme
fraiche smooths out even the tartest
plum. Think of it as soothing balm
for a troubled fruit.

Recipes:

If you find really small plums,
handball-size or slightly bigger, they
are absolutely beautiful when
poached this way. If they're bigger
than that, you can cut them in halves,
quarters or smaller wedges.

SPICED PLUMS IN RED WINE SYRUP

4 cloves
1 teaspoon whole black pepper-
corns
1 stick cinnamon
1 cup red wine
1/3 cup sugar
1 pound plums
Vanilla ice cream or lightly sweet-
ened creme fraiche, for serving

Place the cloves and pepper-
corns in the center of a 4-inch-square
piece of cheesecloth and tie the cloth
in a bundle with a piece of kitchen
twine. Combine the bundle, the cin-
namon stick, red wine and sugar in
a medium saucepan and bring to a
simmer. Cook until the sugar is com-
pletely dissolved, about 2 to 3 min-
utes.

Add the plums and cook, keep-
ing the wine at a bare simmer, until
the plums are just tender. Depend-
ing on the ripeness of the plums and
the size of the pieces, this will take

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Preheating oven to 350 degrees. In the large bowl of an electric mixer, cream together the butter and sugar until well blended. Add the eggs, one at a time, beating after each addition. Alternately add the dry ingredients and the mashed bananas to the batter, beating slowly after each addition. Stir in the nuts, chocolate chips and wheat germ if used. Spoon the batter into the pan, smooth the top evenly, then spread the batter slightly toward the pan edges. Bake until a cake tester inserted in the center comes out clean and the cake is lightly springy to the touch, 30 to 35 minutes. Cut into squares to serve. Serves 9.

baking pan. Heat the oven to 350 degrees.
Sift together the flour, baking powder, baking soda and salt. Set aside.
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A pair of pork tenderloins, marinated for a few hours in a mixture of soy sauce, ginger, mustard, garlic and barrel-aged Tabasco brand pepper sauce, is a simple, easy and exciting alternative to traditional barbecue fare. Grill them for 20 minutes and you'll find that these tenderloins are so juicy and tender you can cut them with a fork.

Add fresh vegetables to the meal and grill an assortment of tomato halves, rounds of red onion and diagonally-sliced zucchini. The pork and vegetable combination, along with the flavorful heat of Tabasco sauce, will spice up grilling and friendly get-togethers.

GRILLED PORK AND VEGETABLES

- 2/3 cup soy sauce
- 2 tablespoons minced fresh ginger
- 2 tablespoons country-style mustard

- 2 garlic cloves, crushed
- 2 teaspoons Tabasco brand pepper sauce
- 2 pork tenderloins, about 1 1/2 pounds

- 3 medium tomatoes
- 2 medium zucchini
- 2 large red onions

Combine soy sauce, ginger, mustard, garlic and Tabasco sauce in medium bowl. Set aside one half of mixture. Add pork tenderloins to bowl. Cover and marinate mixture at least 2 hours or overnight, turning occasionally.

Cut each tomato in half. Cut each zucchini diagonally into 1/4-inch-thick slices. Cut onions into 1/4-inch-thick slices. Place vegetables in remaining marinade; carefully toss to mix well.

Preheat grill to medium, placing rack 5 to 6 inches above coals. Place pork tenderloins on grill; grill 20 minutes, turning occasionally and brushing with marinade occasionally. Place tomatoes, zucchini and red onions on grill. Grill vegetables 4 minutes, turning once and brushing with marinade occasionally.

Makes 6 servings.

Note: It is important to keep marinade used for pork tenderloin separate from that used for vegetables.



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Cold soba noodles with dipping sauce

BY MARK BITTMAN
NEW YORK TIMES NEWS SERVICE

Just about everyone over 30 grew up eating cold noodles in the form of macaroni salad. Then the pasta police declared cold pasta beneath people of good taste, and from then on cold pasta dared show its face only at bad salad bars.

Not all cuisines frown on eating noodles cold, however, and in Japan, cold soba noodles, served with a dipping sauce, are a common snack or light meal.

Soba are brown noodles, made from wheat and buckwheat, and the sauce is based on dashi, the omnipresent Japanese stock.

Dashi is a brilliant concoction based on kelp, a seaweed and dried bonito flakes. It is also among the fastest and easiest stocks you can make, and its two main ingredients — which you can buy in any store specializing in Asian foods — keep indefinitely in your pantry. I would encourage you to try making it, though you can also use chicken stock (or instant dashi, which is sold in the same stores).

To make dashi, immerse about a 4-inch piece of kelp in two cups of water and warm over medium heat for about 10 minutes. Remove the kelp just as the water is about

to boil and add a handful — about half a cup — of bonito flakes.

Turn off the heat, then let the mixture sit for about two minutes. Then strain it, and that's your dashi. For this dish, you will want to chill the sauce, or at least cool it.

As for the noodles, the Japanese have their own method of cooking them, one in which cold water is added to the pot as the noodles cook.

My guess is that this method evolved as a way to avoid overcooking, but as long as you are attentive, it should not be a problem.

And one nice thing about this and other cold noodle dishes is that when you judge that the noodles are done, you stop the cooking immediately by running them under cold water.

Incorrect by some standards, but delightful in this weather.

COLD SOBA NOODLES WITH DIPPING SAUCE

- Salt
- 1 cup dashi or chicken stock
- 1/4 cup soy sauce
- 2 tablespoons mirin or 1 tablespoon honey mixed with 1 tablespoon water
- 8 ounces soba noodles
- Finely grated or minced ginger, minced scallions or toasted sesame

seeds for garnish.

- Bring a large pot of water to a boil, and salt it. Combine dashi or stock, soy sauce and mirin. Taste, and add a little more soy if the flavor is not strong enough.
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Grilled turkey salad with tasty blueberry dressing

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Main-dish salads beat the heat — and the clock. This recipe for summertime salad uses grilled slices of turkey cutlets, which are sold prepackaged in the supermarket meat case, and assorted lettuces tossed with a rich dressing made with pureed blueberries and ginger root. Fresh thyme is sprinkled liberally throughout.

Menu: Summertime grilled turkey salad with blueberry dressing, crusty Italian bread, wine

spritzers or lemonade, berry sorbet

Tips: (1) Chicken breasts can be substituted for the turkey. (2) To speed preparation even more, substitute already-cooked rotisserie chicken from the supermarket.

SUMMERTIME GRILLED TURKEY SALAD WITH BLUEBERRY DRESSING

1 ½ pounds turkey cutlets, ¼-inch thick (4 cutlets)

Dressing:

1 cup fresh blueberries

½ cup extra-virgin olive oil

1 tablespoon grated ginger root

1 teaspoon each: fresh lime juice, salt

Freshly ground pepper

2 tablespoons fresh thyme

1 package (16 ounces) bagged lettuce mix

1 avocado, sliced

■ Prepare grill or heat broiler; cook turkey until cooked through, about 1 ½-2 minutes each side.

■ Meanwhile, for dressing, puree ½ cup of the blueberries, olive oil, ginger root, lime juice, salt and pepper to taste in blender or food

processor. Stir in thyme.

■ Arrange lettuce in four bowls. Place turkey and avocado slices on top. Pour dressing over. Sprinkle with remaining blueberries.

Test kitchen note: Packaged sliced turkey cutlets are sold in the supermarket meat case.

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Cooking time: 2 minutes.

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